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JOURNAL ENTRIES

15th Armored Regiment

2347 hrs, 7 Nov, 42 - 1655 hrs, 10 Nov, 42

H/M "BATORY"

7 November 42:

<u>TIME</u> <u>DATED</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2347	1st 22 Serials left at 1147	(241)	C.O.
2038	Capitani at 0630A, seventh report 9 subs last seen AM 6th have now left harbour.	NOIC Malta	C.O.
1850	Signals reporting torpede hits MUST specify whether hit by aircraft or U-Boats torpede.	NOIC	C.O.
2329	Arrange send hourly reports of serials dispatched.	AMLO (16)	C.O.
2216	Vbls Convey of 7 French merchant ships observed sur head.	IA, Green	C.O.
1954	SECRET: At 1450 Taulen main fleet was in harbour. Everything appeared normal there.	NOIC	C.O.
2338	At 0810Z German aircraft reported either Force "H" or RMP 1.	NOIC	C.O.
2028	Do not (NOT) distribute any of the public proclamations or ordinances pending further instructions from this HQ. From Eisenhower. CTF, WFF, ABNOR infmd.	NOIC	C.O.
<u>8 November 42:</u>			
0050	Processed with sweep.	SHOL(X)	C.O.
0106	Vbl: A sound like a shot came from direction of beach.	IA, Green	C.O.
0141	Arrived with no opposition.	GO, 1/8	C.O.
0145	Vbl: No opposition for 1st Bn, 6th Inf.	IA Getchall	C.O.
0144	Assault landed X-Bay Beach 0136. No opposition.	C.O.15th II Corps	

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S-S JOURNAL 8 Nov 1942 - 1 Jan 1943

CASUALTIES AND DECORATIONS 8 Nov 1942 - 11 May 1943

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<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>Message</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0154	<u>Vbl</u> ; BACHAQUERO has been ordered to harbour.	Lt Mills	C.O.
0106	EC 11 para 2 aircraft left ETA TAFARACUI 0840.	Admty	C.O.
0157	"Y" successful. Request immediate release of reserve (transport). ✓	SNOL(Y)	C.O.
0157	Verification of above. (Word "transport" altered to "battalion"). ✓	SNOL(Y)	C.O.
0215	Report Progress.	C.O.	CO, 1/8
0205	Am processing into harbour now. Follow 1st Div. My course 246 degrees. (Broadcast 3 times)	SNOL(X)	BACHEQUERO
0225	White Beach well-met.	WBSS Request	C.O.
0140	My 0621/7. Evening visual ran no change. (2) <u>TARANTO</u> correct (fer) all ships of convoy read 12 (delete) torpedo boats & amend note (B) to read 4 torpedo boats have left <u>TARANTO</u> .	MALTA	C.O.
0235	We have now received EC.	WBSS	C.O.
0238	Position on White Beach satisfactory not in touch with other beaches.	WBSS	C.O.
0238	Main Beach Signal Station landed will be opened up soon.	WBSS	C.O.
0226	Request reply to my 0220.	SNOL(Y)	C.O.
0245	<u>Vbl</u> ; We are not in touch with II Corps. Natives friendly.	Lt Bremner	C.O.
0227	Situation good - are unloading vehicles.	A/S	C.O.
0239	Have landed WB which is not suitable for LCM. No opposition. Will erect white light on headland as soon as possible. EC	FEM	C.O.
0240	What were last series landed?	SNOL(X)	C.O.
0244	No opposition, X-Ray. Ships proceeding into harbour.	SNOL(X)	C.O.
0100	NR 1 for your information arrival delayed until daybreak. (Will get verification).		C.O.

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TIME DATED	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0247 0247	(INTERCEPT) As reported NB clear 0230Z.	RIF	(J-F)
0248	W. Serial 36 landed 10 minutes ago.	WBSS	J-F
0254	Something is wrong with my transmitter. I will try to keep in contact as long as possible.	1/5th	J-F
0250	Headland B clear, Beach clear west unknown LCT Have landed. We are not in contact with LCA.		J-F
0255	X-Ray Sector. 1st wave ashore. No opposition.	SNOL(X)	C.O., J-F
0300	Start HONING signal now and TOMAHAWK until 0300Z. NECTF rpt to the 321000 and 310000 expected at 0540Z. You may exclude beach if you like (0140Z16)		J-F
0310	Hourly Report: (0300) 1st 25 Sers have debarked for shore. Nothing add'l to rpt.	13th C.O.	Corps J-F
0230	Rpt situation on both beaches.	SNOL(X)	WBSS-J-F
0215	Rpt progress.	C.O. 13	1/6, J-F
0301	Convoy 5 ships with escort showing lights passed X-Ray Sector between 2230 and 2350 going N.	SNOLX	NECTF-J-F
0310	Main Beach shore signal station estbd. here 0300.	WBSS	SNOLX-J-F
0310	Light erected southern arm of X-White.	FPM	J-F, C.O.
0300	Vbl. West Headland Clear.	Catchal	C.O.
0300	Three waves ashore moving in now.	SNOLY	C.O., J-F
0322	Ser #42 (0310; WBSS estbd) confirmed.	WBSSX	C.O., J-F
0321	No surf beach 3 ft deep at 50 yds. Natives friendly landing unexpected. No troops at LOUWEL. Tels- 2-2 phone lines at sig station. please fwd to Corps.	WB	2-2
0300	Green -- LCA landed W Beach West not cleared yet. Fit on way there.	1/15	C.O.
0323	Summerfelt track urgently reqd. X-White.	FPM	C.O.
0320	NB developing. Will prove satisfactory for LCMS when construction is completed.	WBSSX	C.O.
0300	Confirmation Ser #48 (0300; Green - LCA lnded NB)	CO, 1/15	C.O.
0329	Ready now for T1 on GB	FPM	SNOL, C.O.
0330	1st & 2nd waves well met NB shallow. Boats grounded 20 yds out, sent to Lt. Cmdr Marshall who told me		

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TIME DATED	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
	(0350, cont'd) to rpt that WB had no R/T comm and GB was as bad as WB. (Incompletely rec'd.)	#1-Boat	C.O.
0322	MBSS estbd (confirmation of 0310-Ser #42)	XM,MBSS	C.O.
0345	W H/ind not yet rptd clear but we have had no rpt of opposition.	CO,13	CG,CTF
0350	<u>Vbl:</u> GB clear.	Lt Green	C.O.
0354	Beach on GB now lights erected.	51P	J-F
0347	Ron Plt beginning to move into Assy area from S-2	MB	S-2
0354	No opposition. Vehicles began landing 0225.	MBSS	J-F
0323	Landing BSE at all beaches excepting no news from BERR RED. FINE FARUIE captured.	?	J-F
0315	Have now directed unit right on GB - BN still sounding for TIO - 1610.	FDM	SNOL
0355	Est A/S Patrol.	SNOLX	C.O. W/S ANTELOPE
0348	West Clear.	GB	J - F
0354	Four reserves released to you.	CTF	J-F
0353	West is clear. Assault wave being landed on sev beaches. All are believed to have been landed. I am not in comm with G-CO; W-CO have moved up 1/6 MITLER ROAD to final objective. Halpin turn secured.		C.O.
0345-	"GO GET 'EM AT ONCE". (ARMY)	CTF (ARMY)	J-F
0400	All Green Assault wave in-proceeding to final objectives.	1/6	C.O. J-F
0400	Hourly Report; (0400) No change further than previously reported.	CO/13	CG, CTF
0327	All landing unopposed and successful.	SNOLZ	J-F
0406	Have nothing to communicate.	MBSS	J-F
0401	Natives confirm our order Battle. Say nearest tanks (MB) GRAN (0315)	Cairns	C.O. J-F
0415	(Same as above message).	CO/13	CG/CTF

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0406	Beached.	BACHEQUERO	C.O.
0406	Assault landed X-Ray Beach 0126. No opposition.	CO/13	II Corps
0557	Lt. Kamel in Assy Area GB very soft wide good exit not so soft Inf Ron Off on bicycle. S-2.	MBSS	S&F
0418	BACHEQUERO now beaching.	MBSS	C.O.
0412	IW working satisfactory (WB)	FBIKW (WB)	C.O.
0552	Considerable opposition in ORAN harbour. Our in-shore patrol engaged by Shore brigs.	AURORA	C.O.
0424	IW working satisfactory. Exit for wheeled vehicles good.	FBI	SNOLX J-F
0427	Have lost radio contact with forward elements.	1/6	C.O.
0429	NET. GR9 MARACAIBOS have moved into beach. (0400)	INTERCEPT (e/ob)	CG II Corps
0540	Your 326. Am carrying out duties as MC11.	ANTELOPE	C.O.
0438	CP now moving up MILLER Road.	1/6	C.O.
0430	T1 is beached disappointingly far out. Bridging equipment is being placed now. Sand on the beach is very fine and soft.	FBI	SNOL J-F
0439	Request Air Ron along roads from AIN-TEMOUCHET ORAN Road to D'FORE SASSEL (69-24) and to PLACE RIO SALADO (67-21) reporting all movements along or across these roads.	CO/13	G-2, II Corps
0540	UCS10 approved.	GLENNYLE	MCCTF CO
0455	Shore Party in great need of Roadway and Angle-Dozers.	SPC	SNOL
0455	Summerfelt Truck requested, urgently on IW.	FBI	J-F
0455	Suggest ICM's to be landed on WB	MBSS	J-F
0459	Has any enemy information been recd on Army Broadcast? Please keep posted. S-S, 0455.	MBSS	J-F
0459	All stations and M/C functioning as planned. Wet landing.	ABSO	J-F
0805	Have you anchored yet?	SNOL	Walter Whitman

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TIME DATED	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0515	Coming to anchorage now.	W.W.	J - F
0455	(INTERCEPT); 1 unknown, bearing 340 degree distant 3 miles, course 000 deg speed 25 knots my position 35 deg 50 min NO.	AURORA	GIBRALTER
0537	<u>Vbl</u> : All ships are anchored.	Capt Wharton	C.O.
0641	"R" boat <u>burned</u> off port.	(Notation)	
0459	Beach roadway material is urgently required on eastern end of GE. None yet rand.	FBM	SNOL, C.O.
0516	"R" ships bearing down, and track slow in anchoring. Will send same as soon as possible.	Long	MESS
0558	Rpt progress of bridging ship to shore.	CO/15	CO/1/15
0500	Rpt estimated distance in ft of T-1 (BACHERQUERO) from water line.	CO/15	8-2/15
0458	An endeavoring to anchor French shipping 1 mi to the eastward of bouys. 2 have already collided.	ANTELOPE	SNOLX
0550	Locatédniaf CP, 15th AR and in contact Ren. 0639.	MB	C.O.
0556	Roads and ridges to top of hairpin turn are o.k.	1/6	C.O.
0558	U 0551 - 1st Bulldozer went with 1st load, 2nd bdr which is last awaiting track. No Summ Track in this ship.	W.W.	SNOLX
0605	1 JU 88 (?) flew over anchorage; engaged in AA fire. (This later proved to be a single Italian plane. Gave no return to our AA fire.)	(Notation)	
0615	W/T taken from the van IRT. Have not estd comm on 391 kls 4 m/s and 4600. Nothing heard on Army's broadcast.	ISLENGYLE	
0608	Air raid warning Rad.	SNOLX	C.O.
0618	Any ship having Summ Track land it now.	SNOLX	
0621	"GO SMASH 'EM EASTERN!"	?	
0626	Has Ren Plt left left on mission?	CO/15	8-2/15

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FROM TO

NRSA BOU ZEDJAR

(8 Nov 42 -- cont'd)

0705 C.O., 18th and party reached shore; left ship at 0625; came to shore 0635; circled around and landed at above time. (Notation)

From Lt. Beale's Journal (Flying Co.)

0605 Ron moves out.

0608 Pl expects unload 0645.

0700 Request Ron to rpt ltn.

0718 C.O. 18th landed. (This time is when the C.O. and party joined the Flying Column already landed.)

0725 Ron Plt being attackd at LOUMBEL.

0706 CP arrived at Asy area.

0408 Landed by 0600. Personnel 26 ?? MT enemy line. SHOLY NCCTF

0551 Have you sent Bulldozers yet? SHOLY W.W.

0557 Noting to rpt CP on top of Hairpin Turn moving fwd. 1/6 C.O./18

0604 BACHEQUERO is about 45 ft. One French Destroyer standing by - another French destroyer sinking. Am awaiting developments. AUMORA NCCTF

0831 Unloading Flying Column completed 0831. Now removing waterproofing. Long CG/CTF

0903 Flying Column moved out 0900 Ron Plt met and overcame slight resistance at LOUMBEL 0845. Strength & composition enemy unknown. C.O./18 CG/CTF

0950 No change situation. CG/18 CG/CCB

0917 Flying Column unloaded and proceeding LOUMBEL 0900. Unloading vehicles MT ships progressing slowly. Contact with enemy LOUMBEL by Ron Plt; size & composition unknown. (0845) What is your sit? CG/18 CG/CCB

0855 Disposition for advancing troops out of rpt (1) Believed to have passed BUNSEFER. No news of (any?) opposition. GLENCEL'S NCCTF

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0622	What is your situation?	CG/CCB	CO, 15
0657	OCB team has been landed here and is being sent by landing craft - personnel return to patrol B sector.		(1/6) Col Kern
0600	Situation Rpt (0600): Last serials of personnel now landing LBT expect to complete bringing by 0730. Convoy previously rptd later turned back. Vetch SNOLX ordered to examine and order French ships to anchor.		MCCTF
0630	Liexpel (?) to unload at 0646. Still out of comm with Cca. Nothing else to rpt.	1/6	C.O. 15
0650	6 sections of bridge erected, half tracks and light tanks successfully landing.	BACHEG.	SNOL/CO
0655	Request information as to location of CP & enemy naval radio station.	1/6	C.O.
0704	Tanks landing now.	SNOL	MCCTF
0656	1st vehicle off L SONE.	FBM	SNOL
0712	Order Queen Emma alongside as soon as convenient.	SNOLX	X/6 BATTERY
0715	Come in at 0715.		IR-1st/6th
0727	In at 0727.		6th Inf WYN-3/Co/15
0728	COTLS landed 0658 - 0715.		C.O. 15th
0758	Hon Plt being attacked at LOURMEL 0758.		C.O.
0750	Contact with enemy at LOURMEL, 0700; no further details available. 0754.	CO/stry B-ME	C.O.
0705	CP arrvd at Assy area 0705	1/15	C.O.
0800	Hon Plt rpts contact at LOURMEL. No further detail available 0750.	1/6	C.O.
0930	Rpt situation.	CO/15	505 Para Bn
0935	Moving to LOURMEL, 0915.	1/15	CO/15
0955	Armd Cars engaging crews & paratroops. (Sgd) Col. Bentley.	505 PB	CO
1015	7/20 Douglas landed W. SEEKURA along northward undamaged. Some wounded French.	505 PB	CO

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<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1010	<u>To Senior Officers</u> ; From PBM. Good Hunting and Good Luck.	PBM	C.O.
1060	Report Situation.	Long	1/13
1047	Prisoner informs us 2 plts from AIN TEMOUCHEBT went BENI - SAFI; other troops remained alerted at AIN at 0700. Says Arm Car at SIDI. Troops at MISSERGHIN; lorried car was sent to MISSERGHIN for truck btlys, 4 of 9 trucks out of order. How little gas at 0750. SAFI was not advised of our landing.	S-2	G-2/CTF
1115	Send all messages in clear except names of towns.	C/CB	CO
1125	" " " " " " " " " " "	Beale	All Ugits
0950	Snipers who impeded Ben Plt driven off. Plt proceeding on mission.	S-2	1/S
1125	Request location of CP.	Beale	CG/C/CB
0855	Native faster confirm our order of battle, say nearest tanks ORAM.	S-2	CO
1110	17 American plane at MASCARA Airrome.	1/13	CO
1155	Watters mopping up TAFARAOUI. Paratroops have landed on LA SENIA. Proceed direct to LA SENIA. ACK.	CCB	CO
1125	LOURMEL captured, request to proceed on mission. Parashutists on wrong airport. All headed 1100.	1/13	CO
1155	As requested, status of vehicles is 2-H/Ts, 1-299 landed; 1-H/T; 3 peeps - not landed as yet.	141 Sig 1/14	CO SB
1059	CP now at 078027.	6 Inf	CO
0749	What is Kennel attacked by? Give full details.	S-2	San Co
1204	Watters mopping up TAFARAOUI. Paratroops landed LA SENIA. Proceed by shortest route on LA SENIA.	CO/13	1/13
1200	Total vehicles unloaded 1200 hrs 8-11-42. 1 1/2 Tnk.	B/13	CO/TFG
1137	My CP opened at ST LEU at 1030 hrs.	CCB	CO/13
1218	Fired on by enemy. Rd block at 3.8 mi NE of LOURMEL.	1/13	CO/13
1252	(Intercept); CCB - CG, End AG, Flying Column, has advised TAFARAOUI at 1120 is mopping up snipers. Request information as to status of reservist operations. (1202)		

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1238	Vehicles unloaded as of 1200 hrs, this date: 5-24 T. cargo; 3-3/4 T W.C.; 1-1/4-T Ben; 3-1 T Trailer; 4-40mm Bofors.	D/108	Co/15
1841	Rptd that paratroops are at LA SENIA. LOURMEL op- tured. Flying column proceeding on mission. CP moving to LOURMEL.	Co/15	Co/CCB
1804	CP (OTF) moving out. (1816 -- left.)	(Notation)	
1408	Proceeding to LA SENIA; fighting all the way.	Co/1st	Co/CCB
1412	Halted edge LOURMEL		Co/1 Ba.15
1430	Rpt situation.	Capt. 1/15	
		Lang	
1446	Still fighting cross-country. Location BOU TIRLIS. Destroyed enemy rd block 1425	Co 1/15	Co/15
1447	CP LOURMEL	Co/15	Co/OTF
1448	Br Spitfire flew over high		
1450	Flight of 10 Br Spitfires to our front		
1448	Halted; outskirts of LOURMEL. Rpt immediately when any tactical unit is complete and ready to move. Submit 1/15 R Feb/15 periodic rpt every 30 min. as to progress.		
1533	Wiped out 2 mg & 1 - 75mm gun at (HVV)(SERRORA)	Co/1/15	Co/15
1538	Civ mature and ant of resistance.	Co/15	1/15
1551	(Intercept) - Btry of Arty captured at ST LEU this A.M. has been identified as 3rd Btry 68th PERRE- GAUX & DUBLINIAU rptd friendly. No contact with Foreign Legion at 1345 hrs. (1446).	CCB	II AD Co/15
1559	(Intercept) Have at our CP Cafs of ORAN Div & other prisoners. Req location your CP to send them fwd	CCB	IIAC Co/15
1608	Foreign legion rptd to be at SIME BRL ABDES. Contact not made yet. Rd block on bridge at DUBLINIAU. PERREGAUX friendly. TAPARACUI under our control. Have captured 30 officers & men. 2nd Sect 2 Mi W. of ST MAUR at 1450. 2nd Sect 6 Mi S. of ST LOUIEN. 3rd Sect PERREGAUX. 4th Sect MASCARA. P at ST BARBE DU TIRLAT	R/15	Co/15
1607	Flight of 24 (?) planes crossed our right flank		

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TIME MESSAGE FROM TO
DATED

0710 MARCH ORDER: Monday, 9 November, 1942. (En Route from Bivouac.) Left Biv area 0710. Sgt Wolski and Lt. Moon left on mission.

Route of March for Sunday, 8 November from Beach to Bivouac:

1230: Following detachments will move on LOURMEL in order of march as indicated:

Advance Guard:
 Ron Plt, Hq Co

Main Body:

Tank Plt, Hq Co
 Cmd Group
 Det Btry C 27th FA
 Plt 6th Inf
 Det Hq Co 1st Bn, 15th AR

IP: RJ at 1st Bridge east of BOU ZEDJAN.
 Speed: Head of column: 15 mph max.
 Time of Dpt: 1500 hrs.

NOTE: Any vehicles which can move as a tactical unit will be taken.

~~1936 Order given to turn over engines.~~

1930 Pulled out of halt outside of LOURMEL.

2100 Pulled into Bivouac 255725 (1/50,000).

1548	2 Co C tanks knocked out 1/2 mi west BOU TIELIS. 2 men wounded -- one seriously -- Request Med. Aid. Natives very friendly - rpt French left town - will (CO Ron) investigate. Proceeding via Rt #1 to LA SENIA.	Genant	CO/15
1630	Air Support request position.	ASG	CO
1830	Have 4 tanks, 3 SP 105, 4 H/T, 27th FA with me at same CP as you had before moving to join TODD. Hope you can use this gas and amm. Send trucks and escort back to beach, when you are thru with them. They're badly needed there. Vehicles coming in <u>very slowly</u> . Way behind schedule.	Cairns	CO/15
1800	One Co Inf 3 MG. 2 M/C with side arms rptd in woods 2 mi N of OUREDIMBERT. Will not fight. Large oil fire rptd by 2 sect at FERREGAUX.	CO/Ron	CO/S-2
2005	CP now at ST LEU. What is your present situation?	CG/CCB	CO/15

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MESSAGE

FROM

TO

MARCH ORDER

Mon 9 Nov 42

(D / 1)

0704

MARCH ON LA SENIA:

Order March:

Advance Guard

Ron Plt, 15th AR

Tank Plt

Assault Guns, 1st Bn, 15th

Command Section

(With Capt of Artillery)

Artillery

March to be slow.

En Route to MISSERGHIN:

9 November 42

- 0640 No amm used. No casualties. 160 gal 85 oct gas needed. 6 officers, 56 men captured. Position of CP the same. 1st Sect withdrawn to CP, 2nd 5rd, 4th sect. (1950) Ron/15 CO/15
- 0642 We are on the way (0630) to Sig. Cairns. C/27 CO/15
- 0706 2nd S, et rpts friendly territory from ST MAUR to AINE EL ARA. Have outpost 9 mi E of latter. No contact with GP. Will proceed on mission at dawn. (2300) Ron/15 CO/15
- 0820 What is your present situation? CQ/CCB CO/15
- 0830 Present sit BREDDMA. Proceeding on to MISSERGHIN. CQ/15 CQ/CCB CQ/11 C
- 0833 What is your present situation? Rpt immediately. (0806) CQ/CCB CO/15
- 0712 Halted in BREDDMA. Obtained information from British Secret Service Agent. Learned 400 of our men are imprisoned at ORAN. Only one or 2 casualties. Saw signs of conflict at BREDDMA. One French Body; wrecked vehicles. (Ngte)
- 0856 Halted again on road to MISSERGHIN. Foreign Legion and a tank section are attacking Ron on road N of SIDI BEL ABBES - ST LUCIEN. (ALGERIA surrendered this AM at dawn). (0900)
- Pulled out 0819. Halted again at 0833. Heard one or two shots (thought to be from our guns) off to the right flank. Heavy firing began directly to our front at 0856. Quite a bit of rifle fire. (One whistled directly overhead). 1015 - firing pretty heavy from rear. CO left vehicle at 0850. (Notation)
- 1054 Fire of enemy landing about 50 yds to our rear. Moved about 100 yds to the rear (CG's H/T). (")
- 1058 Wbl: Observers up on hill on left said none of the Arty

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(Tbl, cont'ds) fire going into town; was going close to source of enemy fire). Small burst of artillery fire landed very close to our CP (CO's H/T) about 1250. Sudden burst of small arms fire off to our front at about 1308. (Sgt ~~Ad~~ Wolaki and Lt. Moon retnd about 1400). (Notation)

1454 How many trucks available to bring Infantry here? CO/15 Bear

1810 Left CP area -- moved into bivouac. (Grand SEBKRA). (Notation)

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(The following message was dated the 8th)

1128 Where have paratroops dropped? What position are you
you holding now? Explain 16 grounded planes. CCB CO/15

1202 Following vehicles now ready to leave Beach. 27 FA
Serv Btry, 1 H/T; 27 FA, C Btry 1-37mm SP; 701
TD Bn; 5 H/T; 2-37mm SP; 13th AR that 11 tnks;
15 H/T; more tnks are coming in. Beach CO/15

1214 Urgently require situation rpt and location, of CP
for corps and own information. Beach CO/15

1155 Patrols rpt no enemy activity S of LAKE SEBKRA to ST
MAUR and AINE EL ARBA. No activity in ST DENNIS
AREA. 1 spot observing at ST BARBE DU TIKLAT.
Btry has been sent to 3 grounded transports and
injured N of MAUR. (1102) Ron/15 CO/15 S-2

1640 Arrived LOEMEL with Co B less 1 plat. Rptd enemy activity
S RIO SALADO RIVER. Estimated str. 20 tnks w/75 & 37 supp
ert Request orders. Relayed CO/15
thru
B.S

(The following msgs were dated 10th)

0600 Col. Kerns arrived Senia airport w/co inf. one company
tnks, 3 trks used to carry inf. 0910 Nov. 10 Col Todd
started attack on town of LA-SERNIA and ORAN. All inf
placed under cmd. of Todd. Inf in trks to walk from
Senia on. Trks to be sent to beach for supplies. Oral (LOW)

0650 Remain in LOEM EL until further orders. CO/15 Co. B/15

1880 S-2 Periodic Rpt; (0900 - 8 Nov - 0900 9 Nov 42).
No change from last rpt as we are not in contact with
the enemy. No information of enemy situation has reached
us from higher Hq 1/6 CO/15

2552 Ammunition and gas left for MISSERGHIN at (?) w/escort. Beach CO/15

2150 What is your location and status of supplies? 1/6 CO/15

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TIME
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MESSAGE

FROM TO

LA SENIA AIRPORT

10 Nov 42

- 0050 (Intercept) Friendly civilians say 600 infantry moved into PHERREGAUX by train from ALGIERS during AM. Bridge mined there. Bridge blocked at DUBLINEAU - defended by 75mm and MG. Bad defiles. French tanks number unknown in MASCARA. 14 French ~~light~~ tanks knocked out and mts force driven S of ST LUCIEN by 1700.
- 0120 Am on the way with 1 rifle Co and hvy weapons Co complete MREN 1/2 rifle riding in H/T. Have contacted Bremser. Am 6 Inf sending 1 plt to GUYER. CO/13
- 0539 Having informed (Cor. Janson ?) of situation and urgently requested Air Sen to investigate support reports to be dropped SS LA SENIA - MARZIK (?) BRIGHT. just 1000, 6000BS CO/13
- 0420 Lt. Stiff left at 0415 to outpost LOUERMEL to SW with 3 tanks; 1 S/P, 75; SP, 37; 1 towed 37; 3 H/T. BS CO/13
- 0608 (T one - ?) delayed heavy (S - ?) Information needed on enemy assembling SW LOUERMEL. BS CO/13
- 0645 Heavy artillery fire over us. (Notation)
- 0708 Now in conference w/road. He will rpt to you shortly w/plan. Am at N-(GHO)-LA SENIA Airport. CO/CGB CO/13
- 0715 Receiving 75mm fire from VALMY. CO/13 CO/CGB ✓
- 0754 Rpt when you jump off. CO/CGB CO/13
- 0804 " " " " " " " " " "
- 0851 Tanks arriving at vehicle assy point from T1 - expected leave 1100 for LOUERMEL. 6 Inf CO/13
- 0824 Sending to you following vehicles of 6th Inf, Hq Cos 3 H/T, and 1 SP 37mm; Leaving at 0830. 6/Inf CO/13
(Notation to Capt. Long, Capt Harrison, 27th FA, is just beyond H/T, straight to our left.)
- 1014 Col continues to move leading elements out of sight. No Opposition. Beale CO/13
- 1018 (Intercept) 2 columns have entered ORAN; 2 more have just started from assay areas. No rpts rec yet as to results. 2 tanks, 1 light, 1 med., 12 gun destroyed by direct hits from arty. My CP at LA SENIA Airport. CCB CTF
- 1025 Col continues to move. No sound of opposition.

<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1038	GTF now united with and under control CCB. Periodic Rpts from this Hq stopped unless asked for.	CO/13	CG/CTF
1045	Request return of trucks that were sent with Col Kern needed for supplies. (Barrow) (0935)	MB	CO/13
1015	Maj Schula rpts Col Matters in center of ORAN.	S-2	1/15
1051	(Intercept): One of our columns in ORAN rpts there are no inf there. All public bldgs seen barricaded.	CCB	CTF
1045	(Intercept): One column rpts entering ORAN vicinity of hospital. Have encountered no opposition as yet at 1045.	CCB	CTF
1107	We started firing from Ave St Eugene. Spent five same direction, same time.		(Notation)
1030	To SMOL Bay: No Armored vehicles sighted from SIDI BEL ABRES to ST LUCIEN or (?) thereof (?) AINTEMOUCHENT to TREBALET. No armored vehicles sighted.	MSG	CO/13
1200	French Col in charge of troops at LA SENIA came to our CP. They have given up, stacked their arms in the middle of the streets in ORAN. Med. aid was taken into ORAN.		(Notation)
1219	1 Regt 16th is in E. ORAN; 1 Bn of another Regt en route to ORAN; location unknown, our own column in center of city and will proceed to E as ordered to knock out any resistance to 1st Div. No information regarding force on left available.	CCB	CO/13
1215	Order "Cease Firing" has been given by French General in ORAN has asked for conference and terms of surrender. ("Get and prepare to move out" was the order given at CP).		(Notation)
1225	Gen Oliver proceeding to ORAN to receive capitulation from French Commander.	CCB	CO/13
1200	Contact with 1st Inf Div on Ave St Eugene, 4 blocks E. Am contacting French General.	Todd	CO/13
1227	French General that wants to make terms has no control over shore batteries and has no way of communicating with them.	CCB	CO/13
1238	(Vbl; Intercept): French Gen in charge of coastal firing wishes to capitulate, if he can contact the CG. CG en route to Hq where French Gen. is.	Todd	Oliver
1245	(Vbl;) "Congratulations! We have made a brilliant feat in getting in here. Give me particulars of the French Generale."		Robinett Todd

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<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
	(Radio Conversation, cont'd)		
	"I have a signed paper by the CG of the French Div. Todd		CO/15
	"I will communicate that with the senior naval officer at the X-Ray Beach and ask them to acknowledge it, then I will send it to the French Navy. Will you convey this information to the French officers with you?"	CO/15	Todd
1250	"We have made arrangements with the French for them to fly the French Tricolor with the white flag (of truce). Will our Navy understand that?"	Carr	CO/15
1252	"I will communicate with the senior Naval Officer on the Beach, and ask him to convey the information to our Navy that the French will fly the French flag with the white flag, and ask them to recognize it and cease firing."	CO/15	Carr
1240	Situation now: Leading elements, 1st Inf Div, C/C B, Armd entered Bluff near 0935 hrs to 1000 hrs. RODNEY shelled. Canaster coast btry resistance rapidly weakening. Scattered groups still offering resistance at DC. ORAN reported clear of Infantry.	CTF	CO/15
1258	Do you command Port area ORAN? FREDENDALL (Intercept)		C/CB
1205	Sub-Lt. Godfrey safe and with Col. Robinett at his C.P.	CO/15	Rear Ech
1242	Contact Navy and tell them to cease fire on shore btrys at ORAN. Shore Btrys want to capitulate.	CO/15	Main Beach
1244	French Navy will fly white flag with tricolor beneath. Request British Navy acknowledge and recognize.	CO/15	SNOL (MB)
1320	(Vbl:) "I have contacted the senior Naval Beach Officer and told them the French have surrendered and to cease firing on them."	CO/15	C/CB
1325	Have Lt. Gowell arrange a conference under truce. If anything goes wrong that they do not recognize the truce, he is to take over.	CO/15	Moon
1320	Cmd is at LOURMEL with his column complete, awaiting orders, shall he proceed and join you, or else?	MB	CO/15
1140	Ask Col Robinett if he wants more air run. If so, what localities, and call us back. (1140)	MB	CO/15
1160	C.O. Co A with his company is moving fwd as ordered with the following detachments: Hq Co, 1st Bn, one mortar plmn, one command H/T, one amm carrier, 75mm, 27th FA, 2 H/T, 2 trailers w/105mm amm, and 2 trailers loaded w/37 amm.	MB	CO/15

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<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1319	From what ship did subelt. Godfrey originate?		
1410	Arrived at LA SENIA Airport (Hangars); put out fire on burning plane. Rounded up prisoners.		Notation
1420	Put Plan "A" in effect. C/C B has priority on roads 1605.	CG/CCB	CG/13
1505	Information regarding units available messaged this Hq Nov 10, 1150 hrs. Friendly air recon rpts no enemy troops at AIN TEMOUCHENT. We have road block at RIO SALADO supported by 1-81mm and 2 37mm, 5-37mm covering ERRARHEL - 1 plt Bn Co patrolling road from ER-RAHEL, w. to coast.	MB	CG/13
1527	Pulled out of LA SENIA for TAPARAOUI.		Notation
1635	Pulled into bivouac area at TAPARAOUI for C.P.		Notation
1400	Have C.O. Co A, with his column report direct to EL LA SENIA Airport.		CG/13 6 Inf
1430	E/T of 6th Inf at airport LA SENIA. 1st Bn 6th Inf to take over guard LA SENIA Airport until relieved by 1st Inf Div. Trucks now carrying 6th Inf to return to beach via MISSEBGIN.		CG/13 1/13

(NOTE: We are now with C/C "B").

TAPARAOUI

11 Nov 43

1330 Formation. Medals (Purple Heart and Silver Star) awarded, to one officer and 4 EM. (See G.O. #1), by CG/C "B".

1345 Request ~~for~~ instructions disposition Co F 591st Boat Regt now at BOU SEDJAR when X-Ray Beach closes. CG/CCB II AC

1414 When all ships have cleared MERSA BOU SEDJAR move your btry to LA SENIA Airfield, organize defense of that field and rpt dispositions to CG, C/C "B", and C.O. 106th CA Bn (AA). You are released to control G.O. 106th upon arrival LA SENIA. CCB-D/106

1526 CG, C/C "B" met from Capt Barrow; our ~~4~~ (4) before 106th CA leaving at 1630 for LA SENIA. The other 4 will leave when the beach is closed. GB

2107 Contact Commander Beard RE: Payment of civilian labor. If he has not paid labor send requisition showing number of men by name and time employed and rate agreed upon to this HQ for transmission to CTF for payment. CG/13 Gilmore

2117 Salvage all wood and metal in area and place under guard until further orders. CG/13 Barrow

Operations officially closed at 1635 hrs, 10 Nov, 43, when we made camp at TAPARAOUI.

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Section II

TRIP EN ROUTE FROM TAFARAOUI

24 Nov 42	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
TIME DATED		Long	J
0855	Vbl; 1st Ser. crossed IP at 0730 hrs.		
0855	Head of last march unit 2nd Serial, crossed IP 0851. H/T disabled. IP minus 4.		CO/13
0935	Head of 2nd Bn plus attdhd 3rd Bn crossing at 0929-0930 hrs. (3rd Serial).		
0951	Started out of TAFARAOUI Bivouac 1635 hrs. (10 Nov.) 0951 hrs. 24 Nov. 42. Horn blast (CO H/T) at 0954		
1023	Call for all units to rpt into net. All units this ser rptd by 1028. NOTE: C.O. and Capt Long are riding peeps; Capt Barrow in CO's H/T.		
1027	Reached STE BARBE DU TLELAT. Left it at 1030, by a right turn, going E at 1105. We by-passed OGAZ, which lay North (to our left). Reached ST DENIS DU SIG at 1115; left it at 1118. Turned 1/2 left just short of MASCARA. Passed through town at 1157. Odometer started at "0" here.		
1200-	1/2 hr halt at roadside for lunch; start again at 1230.		
1230	Decided to stay here 15 min longer (Roadside; lunch). Head of column pulled out (CO & 4th Ser) at 1242.		
1155	2nd Bn, 6th Inf. halted 45 min. 7 mi from IP.	CO 2/6	CO/13
1250	Came to FARRAGEAUX; left it at 1255. Passed through LOUVION at 1325; turned to the right towards ALGER.		
1350	Had car trouble (CO H/T). Stopped by roadside at 44.1 mi.		
1345	Head of 2nd Ser 64.4 mi from IP - 1345. (CO's H/T 44X.1 mi from IP - STE BARBE DU TLELAT.)	1/6	JF
1508	CO's H/T started again. Stopped again at 1515. Same trouble with engine. Maint (Hq Co) H/T is still with us.		
1545	Started again.		
1545	Reached F*ILLILL		
1615	RELIZANE		
1710	CO's H/T caught up with column, just as they were pulling out.		
1820	Pulled into Bivouac at 112 mi. Rain began about midnight.		

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25 Nov 42			
0815	Pulled out of Bivouac.		
0850	Halted to gas up - just short of ORLEANSVILLE.		
1045	Report into radio net on 2260 kcs - Call sign: 13th AR. Be cautious of sending in clear. Route from AFFREVILLE; LAVIGERIE - MEDEA - BERROUGHIA - BIR BABALOU - BOUIRA - BENI MANSOUR. We meet at BENI MANSOUR. Wheel column moves there today. Units will be reunited there. Adv time 1 hr.	CG/CB	CG/15
0840	Route from AFFREVILLE changed as follows; LAVIGERIE - MEDEA - BERROUGHIA - BIR BABALOU (Refuel) - BOUIRA - BENI MANSOUR (CCB) (Bivouac). Advance time 1 hr on Col. Robinett's order. Cook		CG/15
0830	Under changed routing. Arranging for refueling at BIR BABALOU. Serial commanders of Sers # 1, 2 and 3 notified by M/C messenger.	C/CB	CG/15
1225	Stopped for lunch at 161 mi. Started out again at 1300.		
1510	10-min halt at 190 mi. Column now going via MEDEA. Column will stop at 1630 for supper, for 45 min.		
1700	Ran into heavy snowstorm in mountains about 1600 hrs. Stopped by roadside and put tops on vehicles; prepared to eat and sleep in vehicles; be ready to move out at 0600 hrs next morning. (Close to MEDEA).		
0954 (Insert)	One 1st Bn car out 124 mi from original CP - 0945	1/8	CG/15
0715	Pulled out of bivouac near MEDEA. (somewhat later than intended) at 224.1 mi.		
0915	10 min halt (254.1 mi).		
0710	1- Message that Col. Robinett is urgently needed at head of column (MALLOTT). RE: Composition of columns. 2- Gasline waiting at BIR BABALOU for 4th Serial.		
0955	Vehicle of 141st dropped out of column due to overheated radiator.		141
1000	M.D. R/T (141st) dropped out. Was crowded out into small ditch. Coming out o.k.		
1115	Gas halt at 264 mi. Ate dinner. Established first radio (CW) contact with Col Russell during this halt. (141st vehicle caught up).		

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<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1240	Pulled out.		
1800	Stopped at 335 mi; for supper. Joined wheeled vehicle column.		
1820	Moved out.		
1900	Bivouaced at 351-miles.		
1810	Can't get Capt Khouc by phone because of line trouble. Must be tactical guard against raids from south and paratroops Will you get here tomorrow?	Adv CP 1st Br A	CO/13

En Route to CONSTANTINE:

27 Nov 42

(Note: Time was moved up one hr night of Nov 26/27, '42.)

0600 Moved out of bivouac.

1200 Halted for lunch. (45 min.)

1245 Column moved out.

0825 Urgently need your location as of 0800 hrs. Air request ADY communicated to General when he called. 0850. CP - 1st

BA CO/13

0930 Head of column passed through village of PAUL DOURMER at 0930.

CO/13 CG/CCB

0910 Cleared IP 0910.

1/6 CO/13

1400 Had minor engine trouble again. (CO H/T) Halted for maintenance.

1800 Arrived at CONSTANTINE. (500 mi even. from STE BARBE)

1650 Arrived at CP area (CONSTANTINE Airport) -- 509 mi.

En Route from CONSTANTINE:

28 Nov 42

Left Bivouac area 0615.

0720 10 min halt.

0816 Passed IP - 0616 - (on schedule).

27 FA 60/13

0900 NO H/T dropped out of column (Gas leak). Caught up at 0915 where column was having 10 min halt at BOU BOURMANDAN.

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0925	Entered GUELMAN. All clear 0910.	Rcn	CO/15
1005	Approached GUELMAN. Held up at cross-roads by Eng. Convoy. (We are now out of Mts.)		
1035	Pulled out.		
1130	Halt (1 hr) for gas and lunch. 585 mi.		
1108	British units have passed. We are now moving on.	Rcn	S&S, CO
1055	Our column has been halted for 10 min to allow British to pass through. Halt allow them to pass and wait 15 min after they clear; then inform us and proceed.	S-2	Rcn
1138	Column has halted for 1 hr to eat and gas up.	CO/15	Rcn
1202	Halt at your present position for refueling and noon lunch. Resume your march at 1500 hrs.	CO	Rcn
1250	Column moved out (less CO's H/T, being worked on by Maint. It pulled out 1245).		
1146	We are proceeding to bivouac, following British at 15 mph. (CO's H/T-caught column at 1430).	Rcn	CO
1500	Head of column reached bivouac area (820.5 mi) (Just past LAVERDURE; near SOUK-AHRAS).		
1541	Closed in bivouac 1500 hrs.	Rcn	CO

SOUK-AHRAS

29 Nov 42

(Air activity over bivouac area night of Nov 28/29, '42. Several (27 rptd) bombs dropped; only 1 went off.)

1540 Vehicles lined up to leave bivouac area (at 820.9 mi). Leading vehicles to go at 15 mph.

1542 Head of column moved out.

1430 Halted by columnar congestions at 824.5 mi on winding mountain pass. At 1458 hrs, Lt. Greene radioed that he had rec'd V.O. from Gen (promotion rec'd here -- night of 28/29 Nov, '42) Bobbitt to move on. Requested that order be confirmed, as 6th Inf was by-passing us, and road was congested for some distance ahead. Word radioed to Lt. Greene not to move yet.

(Heard this morning that Lt. Col. Bruss, 1st Bn, 15th, had lost 2 men in raid.)

1558 6th Inf column has passed us.

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TO

1732 Word comes in from Ech that head of column is moving out.
1758 Column moves out.
1745 Head of column crossed IP (Bridge).
0517 Moved out 732.5 mi.
0600 Arrived at bivouac in small woods.

En Route (SOUK EL ARBA);

29 Nov '42.

0085 The British want an American officer at the ammunition dump to help unloading of ammunition in SOUK EL ARBA. One of your officers can do this as we have none available. Sign duplicate for messenger to return. Request you take care of this matters. CG/15 106th

1250 1. March on MEDJEE EL BAB via BEJA.
2. Leading vehicle of each march unit may use lights until moon rises.
3. British petrol tins must be saved and returned. CGB
4. Heavy vehicles will hold down speed in order Russell CG/15 to save road wear.

1710 1. This guide will lead you in to Todd's old bivouac. Best available cover and away from town; r.r. and airport - targets for enemy air the last few days.
2. Todd's losses: 3 killed and 2 wounded.
3. Moving to join 1st CP.

1735 (Intercept): Arrived at 1645 hrs. Information is desired as to whether C/C B Rear Ech is to be added to trains. Will send for the sixth at GUEILMA. 1727 Trains CG/C-CB

1800 Elements of C/CB now at rear will advance only (Repeat only) when directed. CG/15 Trains

1915 British request officer familiar with American ammunition report to Dump at SOUK EL ARBA to identify American ammunition being unloaded. Trains CG/CGB

2030 Left Bivouac.

2220 Pulled into bivouac by Farmhouse. (MEDJEE EL BAB).

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G-5 PERIODIC REPORT
2200 hrs 30 Nov 42
2200 hrs 1 Dec 42

1. At 1245 hrs, Lt Gabler, 2nd Bn, 15th AR, reported to the CP that 1 man of the 141st Sig Co was found wounded along the road about 10 miles SW of TEBOURBA, on the MEJEZ EL BAB road; further, that the Signal Repair Truck was found abandoned at that spot. Lt Gabler and party, who evacuated the wounded man, were brought under machine gun fire in the vicinity; further, that French units in the area reported 30 German tanks by-passed TEBOURBA about 5 miles to the west, and were headed south. The Hq Tank Plt were alerted; 1 plt being on outpost duty out north of CP on the TEBOURBA road; next, at 1500 hrs, a messenger of Col Brass' Bn verified the report that German Medium Tanks had broken through SW of TEBOURBA; Gen Robinett ordered Col Todd to make a run in force to the line SIDI AHMED - EL AH BOULIBIA, and to prepare his 2 Tks for action. Col Brass was present, was ordered to rejoin his Bn and to prepare for action on the enemy's left flank. Col Brass went to the 11th Brigade Hq, to communicate with his Bn. At 1540, 1st AR, reported the following: At about 1230, Co C, 1st AR, in position about 5 mi W of TEBOURBA, was attacked by 30 PKW-4's. At that time, A and B Cos, 1st AR, were in assembly areas, about 5 mi N and NW of TEBOURBA. The result of the C Co tank action is not known, nor the whereabouts of Cos A and B.

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4. (Insert): At 1515, Col Bouley, French Liaison Officer from 1st Army, reported that French Infantry forces in the vicinity of MEJEZ EL BAB were pushing to the high ground about 5 miles NE of MEJEZ EL BAB, and blocking all approaches to that town.

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8. At about 1545, unit commanders' meeting at CP. Maj Philipsborn gave a summary of the enemy situation; Col Russell reviewed these notes, and Col Cairns gave directions to rest men and prepare for movement upon short notice.

REPORT TO G-5 FOR PERIOD NOV 30 - DEC 1

1. At 1245 hrs the report was received that 50 German tanks were moving south on the TEBOURBA - MEDJEZ EL BAB road, having by-passed TEBOURBA through mountain trails about 6 miles west of that town. The 1st Bn, 15th AR, was ordered to move into position on the high ground at J-6245. At 1515 the report was received from 1st Bn, 1st AR, that 50 German tanks had attacked Co C, 1st AR, in the vicinity of J-7254. Result of action unknown. The 1st Bn, 15th AR, supported by Btry A of the 27th FA Bn was ordered to make a rcn in force through the NE on the MEDJEZ EL BAB - TEBOURBA road.

2. In compliance with instructions of CG, 78th Div, the entire 1st Bn, 15th AR, moved north on the TEBOURBA road to the help of the 11th Brig. In the vicinity of J-7050. Several German MG's and snipers were wiped out. The Bn continued to advance but by dusk had not made further contact with the enemy south of J-7254.

5. At 1800 hrs the 2nd Bn of the 6th Inf moved from its area in the vicinity of J-5338 to cover the assembly of the 1st Bn, 15th AR, in the vicinity of J-7050. At 2050 the additional mission of attacking German tanks reported to be in harbour at J-7457 was given to the 2nd Bn 6th Inf.

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FROM

TO

MEDJEZ EL BAB

SECTION III

1 Dec 42

EXTRACTS FROM JOURNAL for 15th A. R.:

Activity started about 1245 hrs -- tanks reported advancing.

1217 To: General Robinett, Alert Co C, 701st TD Bn, at once
to stand by for possible move to vicinity TEBOURBA,
where Blade is engaged in tank battle. 1200. 78 Div CO/13

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1400 CP attacked by ME 105's. (Very brief).

1400 Report of 30 German Med. tanks definitely confirmed. Move
your entire Bn at once to meet them. One Btry has been
ordered to displace to support you. CG/CGB 1/13

1405 Alert Bns - Ron Plt rpt to CP for move against German
med break-through. CG/CGB 1/13

1430 Lt Poole reported that one of the Hq 15th tanks was
hit by enemy planes dive-bombing. Two of the men
wounded. Med aid requested for them.

1455 Vbl: It has been reported that tanks have withdrawn. S-2 CG/13

1500 Lt. Greens reported to CP that the two men wounded by
dive-bombing are receiving med attention.

1503 Maj Gen Oliver (CG, C/CB,) ~~is~~ arrived at CP and was
given resume of facts by Brig Gen Robinett (CG, 15th)

1414 1st Bn moved out and is on the way. 1/13 CG/13

1545 Unit Commanders meeting at CP. Major Philipsborn gave
a summary of the enemy situation, as to BIZERTE, TUNIS,
GABES. He (the enemy) has established 2 armored defense
depots before and behind TUNIS. Col. Russell, (S-3, C/CB)
gave a resume of events that have occurred here around
C.F. (Col. Todd came to C.F. about 1550). Col Cairns
(Ex Off, C/C B) reported that proposed attack on TUNIS
for tomorrow is postponed temporarily due to today's
events locally. (Ron Co is operating N. of the River -
MEDJEZ - SIFFI Road - for about 5 miles). Orders
given to rest men, continue maint., and be prepared
to move out at a moment's notice.

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1825 24 German tanks reported harboring at 68560 at 1410 hrs
unconfirmed. 24 German tanks, probably same, reported

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<u>TIME</u> <u>DATE</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2	(contd) at 745575 at 1645, confirmed by Air OP 78th Div, no contact with 2/15; last reported E of TEBOURBA. Investigate enemy harbor and endeavor to contact 2/15. 2/8 Inf moving to cover your harbor tonight. Report present situation your area.	Cairns	1/15
1005	(Col. Bruss has lost 9 tanks; has 7 left.)		
2325	Report by Capt. Klous.		
	Enemy: About 40 enemy tanks and inf attacked 11th Brig and Blade Force during day. Enemy tanks now in Harbor J-8553 - J-8781 - J-7456. Inf now to N & E of TEBOURBA. 20 to 30 infantrymen rptd SE of TEBOURBA. Mature situation unchanged.		Posted on Sit Map.
	Our Troops: Blade Force. 11th Inf Brig concentrated at TEBOURBA. Hq 1st Bn, 1st AR: J-7050; Hq 1st Bn, 15th AR: area J-8242; 1st Para Bn: J-8664 - J-5582. 36th Brig. No change.		
2400	Periodic Rpt submitted to G-3.		
2 Dec 42			
0150	Move your command at once to vicinity of J-7050. You are attached to 2/8 Inf. Rpt to Col. McGinness at RJ J-8951 without delay.	Russell	C/701
	* * * * *		
0825	Am now with 1/15. Unable locate 2/8 Inf. Will await orders. (From C/701st).	1/15	CG/15
	* * * * *		
0840	(Vbl: via radio) 25 medium tanks 1 mi N of the first road junction NW of TEBOURBA; appear to be preparing for an advance on TEBOURBA. Motorized Inf behind them (about 2 mi long in column). Btry of enemy artillery in the vicinity of the graveyard on northern edge of CHOUIGUI.	Maj Schull 1/1	CG/15
0852	20 Med enemy tanks 1 mi N RJ J-7658 Mtg Inf on paved road between TEBOURBA and CHOUIGUI. Btry arty in graveyard N edge of CHOUIGUI.	Russell	2/15 1/15
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PLAN OF OPERATION

MEDJEZ EL BAB
2 December 1942
1100-Hrs

Combat Command "B";

(The following Plan is for the whole of Combat Command "B", but is copied here for the benefit of the 15th Armored Regiment's Journal.)

Following projected plan for 2 Dec:

- A. Combat Command "B" ordered to clear TEBOURBA and area TEBOURBA CHOUGUI, and then take over Blade functions, including area now occupied by 2 I.F. 2 I.F. now under command C/C "B". 1 Para Bn withdraw into reserve area west MEDJEZ el BAB with role of supporting French.
- B. Blade, less "C" Battery, 12th R.H.A. will withdraw tomorrow night to harbour area to be reequipped by 78 Div between BEJA and OUED ZARGA.
- C. 11 Inf Blade group including 5 FA Bn, U.S., remains present dispositions and will rest and reorganize 5 Northhamptons.
- D. C Btry, R.H.A. cover bridge 6646, and 175 FA Bn, U.S., will remain in MEDJEZ el BAB advance in anti-tank and FA role under C.R.A.
- E. One Btry 72 Anti-tank Regt to cover area 3248 north of BEJA and take one Btry 72 anti-tank regt to 11 Blde area, latter under command 64 A-Tk. Regt.
- F. 55 Hesos Regt retain present role under control 78th Div. Acknowledge. All informed.

78th Div.

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MESSAGE

FROM TO

HAPPENINGS AT FORWARD CP NEAR TEOURBA

1140 Hrs, 2 Dec 42 -
2050 Hrs, 4 Dec 42.

1140 Gen Robinett and staff, with Command H/T, 8-2 H/T, 2 light tanks, 2 peeps, left biv area at MEDJEZ el BAB, for Col. Watters' CP, near TEOURBA, at request of Col. Watters. At 1150, above listed group pulled out. (746.1 mi.)

1250 Dive-bombing ahead of us about 4 mi on the road.

1255 Caught up to where bombing was. Field pieces were set up beside the road; believed to be object of attack. A few H/T's of the 6th Inf were on the right of the road. 2 were hit and burning. (2 casualties). 758 mi.

1355 Arrived CP of Col. Watters. (759.5 mi.)

1830 Left CP of Col. Watters.

1900 Arrived at new CP about a mi away.

5 Dec 42

0650 Left overnight Biv above.

0700 Arrived back at CP of Col. Watters at 761 mi.

0814 20 tanks supported by Inf moving vicinity St. Michel Farm.

CG/13 27th

0832 Dispositions made as ordered. Quiet night. Small amount of enemy tank activity north of TEOURBA. TEOURBA being attacked by Inf., Tanks, and Arty. Request information situation across river.

CG.13 CG/CGB

0855 Send overlays of positions to fwd CP

CG/13 All Unit

1510 Meeting of SA at CP 1850 hrs. Bring present vehicular strength, by type; personnel and loss reports.

CGB CG/13

1430 Plat reports hills full of AT guns, mortars, and Inf. Prisoners state one Btry 88mm guns there; also one ET. 2 Peeps knocked out by Arm Car. Situation growing serious. Must have support.

Ben 8-2

1500 Supply Officers report to 8-4, CGB at 1450 hrs with supply requirements.

Cairns Units

1544 Request Gilmore contact me 1800 to take over supply of 13th AR and attached units

CG/13 CG/CGB

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0840	The enemy will probably attempt to establish a combat locality in vicinity of J-6782 tonight. They will attempt to mine area to prevent our armor from moving. This comes from a very reliable source.	S-2	CG/CCB
0845	Request location of Ron Co, 13th AR, CP.	1/13	CG/13
0900	All units will report to the 4rd CP any enemy activity observed. Such rpts will be complete as to time & place, and will be made as rapidly as possible.	Cairns	Units
0940	What enemy activity is taking place 7657 to 7564?	2/8	CG/13
1040	Have you ^r arrived?	CG/CCB	2/13
1137	A enemy tank now heavily shelling 7656 from 7569. One destroyed by our fire.	S-2/13	S-2/CCB
1502	Have we Inf vicinity CHOUIGHI. Answer urgent.	CG/CCB	CG/13
1325	RE; Your msg 1302. Answer negative.	CG/13	CG/ceb
1330	You will start Maint recovery operations at 1950 under Lt Col Bruss. Send Maint Ron parties to rpt to him to observe location tanks prior to dark. Patrols will cover your operations.	CG/13	Maint CG/13
1400	(Intercept): Friendly natives report 40 German paratroops dropped this morning. Coordinates 7147, Sheet 5; also 6 gliders toward SW from TEBOURBA.	1/1	CG/CCB
1552	Request Engrs be detailed to clear road of disabled vehicles after dark tonight.	CG/13	CG/ceb
1441	French believe attack on TEBOURBA from N with tks and from S with paratroops and Inf. Will take place today.	CG/CCB	CG/13
1445	Advise at once if Stukas landing NW of TEBOURBA.	CG/CCB	CG/13
1610	Saw no Stukas landing NW TEBOURBA.	CG/13	CG/CCB
1626	RE; Your 1552 msg. Wiloo. 1442. (RE; Engrs clearing road of burnd-out vehicles).	CG/CCB	CG/13
1700	Hpt to avd CP	Cairns	1/1
1800	Left Col. Watter's CP at 761 mi.		
2000	Arrived new CP location (farmhouse; Br HQ; Straggler Point) (S at 763.4 mi)		
1630	Msg Msg of 1400 relayed from CG/CCB.		

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1540	Request information situation south of TERCUMBA.	CG/13	CG/CCB
1550	<u>Present Strength:</u> <u>CASUALTIES:</u>		
	OFF 25 Killed 21		
	MI 359 Wounded 38		
	Total 384 Missing 27		
	Total 411		
	<u>Operative:</u> <u>Inop or Destroyd</u>		
	Tks 24 30		
	H/T 24 2		
	Feeds 11 2		
	SP 0 0		
	Of the tanks listed as op, 6 have Inop hvy cannon ord.		
	<u>Expended today:</u>		
	300 gals, 87 oot Gas		
	100 " 75 " "		CO
	S-4, not at this HQ our C.O. advises that he is in contact with C/CB HQ.	2/13	CG/CCB
1550	Exact location hostile tanks 1400 hrs 18 at 7356 to 7455 - 70/50mm Map sheet 19 and at 780633 same map.	CG/CCB	CG/13
1559	Location 1st Bn, 18th AR - 894401	CG/CCB	CG/13
1616	Co C, 1st Bn, 8th Inf was forced to retire from enemy 740520 at 1100 to high ground 720508 to 750500, while Btry C, 27th FA was placed fwd Co C has since resumed the advance but present situation unknown.	CG/CCB	CG/13
1620	Enemy now in process of withdrawing 2 Co E tanks that were not destroyed by fire, of 8 Co E tanks left on battlefield, it is estimated that 5 were completely destroyed by fire, and possibly 6. Can you call for fire on bldg to which tanks are being towed?	CG/CCB	CG/13
1638	Letn Hon Co, 18th, CP - 5935.	CG/CCB	CG/13
2010	2nd Bn, 8th Inf, patrol contacted Co C, 1st Bn, 8th A.I. 1700. Identification only.	CG/CCB	CG/13
2230	All unit CO's assemble at 2300 hrs; also rep Brig Cass	CG/13	S-2
2240	Alternate water point bridge J-4035.	CG/CCB	CG/13
1650	Have Bruss, Redding, McGinness, Blake at your CP 1800.	CG/CCB	CG/13
4 Dec 42			
0030	Hold Gen Robinett's insert for him.	CG/13	S/13
0221	Traffic heavy to front. Request regulation from MEDJEE		

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FROM

TO

(contd) el BAB to permit Todd to cross.

Cg/15

Cg/CCB

Journal Supplement kept while in field away from Main CP;

1000 -- 9/2-Mtr Bombers and 2 fighters (Probably JU 88's and ME 109's) bombed artillery position close to our CP (Farmhouse; Brit HQ; Stragglers Point). Bombing lasted for 5 min. It is believed that they hit 2 of our tanks. No other damage to us. Fighters sprayed light MG fire immediately after attack.

1640 Flight of 16 Spitfires came over; from NW. 2 JU 88's came over from south. Spitfires attacked JU's immediately overhead. Both JU's were seen to go downwards

1646 All clear overhead.

1650 7 JU 88's came from NE; bombed near us; hit ammunition dump. Lasted about 5 min.

1756 Railhead same tonight as last nite.

Cg/CCB

Cg/15

2050 Arrived back at original CP (MEDJEZ el BAB) at 774.9 mi. Left above CP (Farmhouse) at 663.4 mi.

x 7 Dec 42

1650 Command B/A on line ready to start (774.9 mi). Pulled out at 1654. Passed thru MEDJEZ el BAB at 1704.

1715 Arrived at new bivouac area at 785.9 mi (HUILERIS de SIDI KHADRA -- large barn; olive press.)

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(See Journal Combat Command "B")

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SIDI KHADRA

December 11, 1942

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MESSAGE

FROM

TO

0845	784 mi, beginning to move out. Moved 0815.		
1010	Hit Main Road 5 Km from OUED ZARGA, 51 Km from BEJA (791 mi)		
1015	OUED ZARGA - 794 mi		
1200	Arrived CP - 822.6 mi (SOUK EL KHEMIS)		
1205	Large column of enemy tanks moving toward MEDJEZ EL BAB at 1200 hrs. At 1140 enemy tanks moving SW 6845 at 1200 hrs.	C/C B	All Stations
1115	BEJA - 809 mi.		

Intercept

1500	Column H/T's moved out (this unit) at 1500.	1/15	CG, C/C B
1525	We have moved out towards assigned destination	1/15	Oral to C/C B Besiat (Radio)
1550	We are all clear and will tell Wrockloff Todd has moved out.	Kern	C/C B - Rad
1557	Notify Oliver we are moving.	Cairns	C/C B - Rad

Intercept

En Route fr CP:

0850 To date vehicles evacuated 2/6 Inf: 8 H/T, 2 AA guns, 5 peeps. 27 FAI, 1 peep, 2 H/T, 1st Bn, 15th: 7 tanks (1t), 4 H/T, 1-57 SP. 1/6 has left here. I do not know the figures, but he got most their vehicles.

1537	6th Inf all clear.		
1544	Everything quiet at this point.		
1450	The following amount of rations needed by this org: 144 rations, 250 gal 87 oct gas, 10 gal 75 oct.	1/1	C/C B

SEE JOURNAL OF C/C "B"

SOUK EL KHEMIS

December 22, 1942

2030 Left SOUK EL KHEMIS - 825 mi - arrived TEBOURSOUK at 2400 hrs. - 854.6 mi.

SEE JOURNAL C/C "B"

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TEBOUSSOUK

January 8, 1945

TIME

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1805

MESSAGE
Left TEBOUSSOUK. Radio silence - 854.6 mi.

FROM

TO

January 9, 1945

0247

Arrived new CP - French garrison near SBEITLA -
19081 mi

0806

Ref your msg 2145 - No.

C/C B CG-15

0950

When we can contact Frank, we will send him.

C/C B CG-15

January 10, 1945

1955

Situation quiet. Troops in place. CP SBEITLA.
Doing active reconnaissance.

CG-15 CG/CCB

Patrol of 200 men from P/C sent to vicinity of
(8841-7) to mop up the reported enemy para-
chutists.Beale
(Oral)

January 9, 1945

2240

Request Arnold with all available maps of area
and Crockett be sent here at once.

Long C/C B

2540

Correction on message 2250; rpt Jan 10 instead
of Jan 11.

Long All units

2145

Are 105's on the way?

CG-15 CG-CCB

1050

(Gen Robinett's telephone conversation w/Gen
Porter.) General Robinett informed him that
105 arty did not arrive and requested Gen
Porter to contact AFN about same. Gen
Porter reported that the air saw consid-
erable vehicle movement in our area. Gen
Robinett reported the enemy parachute land-
ing.

1510

The CO at FAID says the report of tanks at EL
HAINELINA (0465) is false. He further
states the enemy force holding the high
ground from 0465 south is at the most one
battalion of soldiers.1st Lt
McCravy
(Hon Co) CG-15

1105

Rpt map situation to this Hqs.

CG-15 All Units

1658

10th Panzer Div rptd grouping MASSICAVLT -
MORNAGHIA area and recalling all out-
lying components to do so. Regt rptd
regrouping behind MATEUR and that T1
and T2 Bns taking over its positions.

C CB CG-15

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TIME DATE	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
2315	Disregard message RE-Detail of men to unload train at station tonight - find colored GM outfit arrived this afternoon. Sorry	S-4	E/15
1940	Have not seen messengers yet.	Mills	C/C B
2020	Messengers have arrived 2000. Will stay night.	Mills	C/C "B"

January 10, 1945

0845	RE: Your 2240 9 Jan msg: Crockett must have been in area. Arnold not available. All available maps sent as per original request; all units have been issued their complete supply of maps. May be possible to re-issue individual maps if necessary. Request this - Cross by number.	C/C B	15
2145	Have you sent any 105's? German Inf attack on BOU ARADA repulsed at 0250 hrs. 8 tanks moving NW to POINT DU FARS from J-905059. Hostile activity J-715157 and J-715155 possibly ACP unconfirmed. Report places March Bn (refer to above for rest of msg) *25 area 02070 - 800522 - supplying - TRIPOLI. More follows.	CG-15	CG-CGB
1511	Rommel estimated to have 100,000 troops mostly German. Half are combat troops; remnants of 15 and 21 PZ Div 90 Light Div, ARLETE Div remain.	C/C B	15
1655	RE: Your 0615. Frank on way to you. Crockett left here with Hq Co 15 AB. Maps left with ammunition trains tonight. Arnold not available. Artillery requested by Gen Porter was 106th CA Bn and confirmed by AFHQ. They have already departed for TEBESSA. No other troops to leave here without orders AFHQ.	CG-CGB	CG-15
2020	All Gen officers report to this CP 0750 11 Jan.	CG-15	All Units
2050	Situation quiet. Crockett here. Our Gen continues. Liaison with Air Force made. Patrol activities both sides continues in forward areas.	CG-15	C/C B
1755	RE: Your 0814 (1) Frank just arrived from previous mission and will leave here for your HQ as soon as possible to arrive there sometime tonight. Will give him this msg. (2) Crockett		

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FROM TO

(cont'd) left here with Buckingham's column and should be with you. He is not here. (5) Maps left with Amos train (Studer) about 1630 hrs. They include issues that 2nd Bn, 15th AR, failed to pick up before leaving plus those requested by you. There are no others available except for possible old sheets that may be had if you request them by number. Even then we can't promise to fill the order. (4) Gen Porter requested arty after telephone conversation with Gen Fradendall. A second telephone conversation changed request from 27 FA to 106 CA. This Bn left here (HQ & D on nite 8/9 - A on nite 9/10; and B leaves tonite) for TERESSA. This was confirmed by AFHQ who also ordered that no other troops would leave this area except on their orders. According to that, 2nd Bn, 15th AR, should not have gone but as they were already on way, we did not stop them. (5) Arnold is involved in camouflage job here and cannot leave. (6) Gen Oliver and Smart have gone to let A. Div CONSTANTINE, to get things lined up and questions answered. We have been under 1 AD since 7 Jan. (7) Germans attacked BOU ARADA, but were repulsed. 6 AD counter-attacked. Results unknown at present; otherwise, no change in situation here. Frank has some good info on terrain in your area. (8) From what Frank tells me, I think you should take Co A, 70th TK Bn under your wing. At least for supply and maintenance; also TD's in that area (re plt A 601 and Co B 701). (9) We expect to remain here at least through the 12 Jan. (10) 2 Bn tanks w/crews left Co C Maint Bn for bivouac SE of THALA last night. No other information.

Lt Col CG-15
Cairns via
C/S I Off

2025 Situation quiet. Crockett here. Our Rom continues. Liaison w/air force made. (See msg 2050 - 9 51)

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1650 Capt Riddleberger sent on order Gen Robinett as liaison officer to TRINEPTE airport pending arrival of our Lt Frank. Maj Oushman will act as liaison officer in cases requiring same if agreeable to you.

Long CO 601
333Hakt

2245 Request air reconnaissance KEF EL RAYAT - U-0565 and road net KEF EL RAYAT - SFAX. Special attention to tanks reported in olive groves U-2561. Vicinity KAIROUAN emphasis road KAIROUAN - FORNDOUK - EL OKBI.

Long 12 Air Force

2115 Request that you establish permanent OP vicinity of T-4210. Ops OP to be part of line of OP being established by this command.

Long Col Raff

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SBEITLA

January 11, 1945

TIME
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MESSAGE

FROM

TO

One platoon from 2nd Bn 8th Inf went to vicinity T-2515 to ambush any re-attack on this area. They were accompanied by two French interpreters and when they reported back to this CP at 1100 hrs they reported no activity in that area during the night.

1140 Three French Generals visited Hq this AM. Gen Locals, Gen Walvert, Gen Schwartz; they were in conference with Gen Robinett, Capt Frankel, and Maj Long.

0750 C.O. all units meet CP 601st 0900.

1800 Btry A4 arrived. Urgently request that Btry 105 hours be sent here tonight. Request another Btry 105 How be staged tonight. Panel truck w/290 radio att to your Hq for direct com. Nine enemy tanks rptd by Fr in FOMEDOUK area ~~1000~~ 0900 hrs. 15 CG Satin

2000 Request 1 plt Co C 701st TD Bn now functioning as MP Co be sent to vicinity BOU CHEEKA to guard dumps. 15 CG Satin

1805 Request information whether planes strafed your command, today. Satin CG 15

2055 No strafing today. 15 Satin

1840 No change in situation here. C/C B 15

1950 27 FA marches on SBEITLA 2100 today via KASSERINE, CCB 15

2150 In the event that any more units are sent to this command route LE KEF, THALA, KASSERINE, SBEITLA. (Cancelled) 15 CCB

5 gliders reported area T-9981 to this Hq at 1900 hrs. We contacted French and they had scouted troops ~~100~~ in that area all day but found no evidence of any gliders.

French report (9) name ~~1000~~ German medium tank MK III moving from FOMEDOUK south to vicinity of 8515 0900 hrs. French arty knocked out one tank. Tanks now stationary in olive grove will try to see them myself. 1050. P Plt Hon Co

January 12, 1945

0618

You are in command of area from PORTER to ROBINETT during my absence today will return tonight. Satin 15

1440

Have 1 officer w/2 peeps and driver report to this

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January 12, 1945

TIME

DATE

COULDN

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

Re OROZ for 12 Jan. This personnel to come from Gen Co 1st Reg a/French.

15

021 TO

1200

Maj Don Oliver & Maj Smart visited this CP and conferred w/Gen Robinson. 2 Cols from AFHQ also here at this time.

1445

Notify CP I & A that a run will be made in p.m. tomorrow east of their CP.

15

001 TO

1450

A run by E p.m. will be made tomorrow east and across the front of your position by on look out for them and ready to support them in case of trouble.

15

2/8

1600

Gen Oliver stated that part of the C Force will be sent down by road way to capture all of the Reg, 6th Inf.

1650

How far back is the 47th Medical?

2/15

09 15

1650

47th Medical is in old area.

15

2/15

2000

Unit commanders meeting all units present.

2000

Stuka crashed Y-2000 1200 hrs over 1200.

2200

Liaison a/French: Two French officers visited in the vicinity of CP-14 stating that six German prisoners were captured during the night of 11 Jan by their troops near Y-2000. This capture effected mainly through the help of 2 natives.

001 15

January 13, 1945

0940

Situation quiet. Slight activity around FORNIX. Noisy around signs of strengthening all along the front although up till now not in much strength. We are continuing run and patrols. Send Mess if he is well as we need liaison officer to Gen Parker. Good chance here for an operation. We have air superiority but some air activity on occasion.

15

0/0 2

0950

Request Service Co have let the section be sent to jobs and be section now at KAGSHINE. At present we are very short of truck transport.

15

0/0 2

0950

General Robinson will report to Gen Parker. Staff that Gen Parker 1000 hrs 12 Jan.

Factor

15

1210

Lt Col Russell (G/O B) arrived at this CP for a conference w/Gen Robinson.

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TIME DATED	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1530	Motor officer or officer familiar w/vehicles status report to this CP at once.	15	All units
1550	Rpt to CP w/o delay.	15	OO Ron Co
1650	Maj Long, Capt Frankal, Gen Robinett left for XII Corps HQ French Army.		
1650	Capt Yalder given mission to make run of pass at T-9580.		
2000	Lt Rufine rptd info from FOMNDOUK area - 20 enemy trucks moved west from KALNOWAN to FOMNDOUK at 1600 hrs. Enemy air activity, over front very heavy.		
January 14, 1945			
0944	Special attention will be paid to improvement of slit trenches and other cover against air attack. This work to be done w/o delay.	15	all units
1050	Have Gabler report to CP before firing rockets.	15	2/15
1655	Urgently request that Serv Co less 1st Bn and Sect Supply Bn now at TROUBROUK be sent to KASSEKINE tonite. Guides will meet co at EJ west of KASSEKINE.	15	all units
1700	Unit commanders meeting 2000 hrs at old CP.	15	all units
1715	French request 80 tommy guns and ammunition. Recommend approval.	15	Satin
1715	Request Flt Engineers be sent to this area night 15/16 Jan.	15	Satin
2150	Alert Co. Move to SBEITLA tonite when relieved by 601 guide will meet you SBEITLA. Aok.	15	701 TD
1620	Rpt to CP at once.	15	OO 601
1715	601st TD Bn will move a plt cross-country about 8 km out road toward FOMNDOUK and will remain all night.		Long Gen Schwartz
January 15, 1945			
0040	Co H, 701 has moved out before the msg got to them. Rcn		15
0940	2/15 needs 25 1/50,000 maps.	Rcn	15
1045	Request bombardment troop concentration W-3770, U-2962 artillery at U-294 9 and armored concentration vicinity U-0566.	15	Frank

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January 15, 1945

TIME

DATED

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

1045

Report to the CP w/o delay.

15

CO Rcn Co

08500

This Hqs desires information as to use to be made of requested Flt of Engrs.

Satin

15

1520

Report number air OP's at your disposal. Immediate action. Porter.

Porter

15

1530

5 air OP's, of which 1 is inoperative.

Beals

Satin

1520

Send patrols to locate fallen aircraft. Check identify and possible parachutists. Report.

Beals

CO Rcn Co

1540

Keep men in bivouac. Do not let them congregate around fallen planes.

Beals

All units

1520

5 (?) planes downed in general vicinity of CP (SBEITLA). Believed to be enemy planes downed by our aircraft.

1540

Report to Col. Russell at C.P. as soon as possible.

Russell

Hq Co 15

1545

Two unidentified planes down in flames at 1520. One approximately 5000 yds north of this CP. The other approximately 5 mi east.

601

15

1550

Maj Gwener rptd to Gen Robinett at CP. He was from 215th CA B & D Btry attached to C/O "B".

1506

Mission #1: EL GHEITAR - GABRES accomplished with negative results. Mission #2 could not be completed because of lack of planes.

1750

OK for tonight, (Urgent).

Satin

15

1510

Request information how many planes shot down in your area also how many wrecks found in your area.

Satin

15

2105

Lt Beals put in another message to CO Rcn Co requesting answer to message of 1520.

Reply message 1510. Four JU 88's down vicinity SBEITLA. Reported personnel killed. Also rptd 4 JU 88's crashed.

C/C B

Satin

2255

Landed east FOMDOUK. (See above).

Air Support group reported CP 2220 Lt. Gamble.

CONFIDENTIAL

Jan 15, 1945

TIME

DATED

2055

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

Eng will not be sent tonite probably tomorrow will inform you when to expect them.

Satin CG 15

Free French hold following positions. High ground at point 781 and point 576 area of 08257 and Dj Boudabous area 08255 to 08658. Battery enemy 1055 at 0866. Small vehicles 08754. Rcn road El Guettar - Gabes yesterday showed no movement. Small vehicle concentrated and concealed in gullys north and south of road at Y-5885 and new tank tracks. Mission area Pichon and road El Guettar Gabes now being carried out. Information follows. 0800 hrs area patrolled by 6 to 8 ME 109 very high. No ground loss; Sunray's repeat missions can only be compiled thru channel.

THALEPTE FIELD - To CG - 12th AR

January 16, 1945

SECRET

TIME

DATED

0827

Priority Units:

Serv Co 15th

Co "B" 16 Engr

1st Bn 6th Inf

1st Bn 15th AR

Let transport loads 1st Bn 15th should move w/1st Bn 6th.

Remaining units as you desire. Send all units to

THALA Woods.

CG-15 CG-CG/B

0827

We will have guides at bivouac areas. Notify us of time of movement of each unit. Give us this info by our messenger. CG-15 C/CG

215th CA removed from control of this HQ.

vbl (Robinett)

1000

Commanders will insure that their troops cease the practice of sight seeing at once for example crowding around crashed aircraft. Troops not on duty will stay in their areas.

CG-15 All Units

1200

Col Raff called 1200 hrs reporting SENEZ was being attacked by tanks.

vbl

1220

Air guard at CP reported he saw 5 white & 1 red flare north west of this vicinity at 1150 hrs. Gen Robinett & Capt Frankel went in that direction to investigate.

vbl

0900

Free French hold following positions. High ground at point 781 and point 576 area of C-9257 and Dj BOUDABOUS area C-9255 to C-9258.

Thalepte CG-15

1220

Have platoon leader of tonite's patrol report here w/o delay.

CG-15 2/6

1415

Have off rpt here w/o delay for short patrol.

CG-15 Rcn/15

CONFIDENTIAL

Jan 18, 48

SBEITLA

TIME

DATED

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

1445

Col Raff reports very many tanks forming to attack SEVED area T-48980 w/air support situation critical.

Msg Cen

15

1510

All run and intelligence offs will meet at 601 TD Hq Bn at 1850 hrs today.

CG-15

All units

1520

Intelligence and camouflage offs of all units will meet at officers mess, Hq 15th at 2000 hrs today.

CG-15

All units

1450

French Raff's new position vicinity # T-50688. Enemy in SEVED.

Satin

CG-15

~~1450~~

~~15 tanks reported attacking SEVED. Bombers in pursuit sent to~~

~~phone~~

0940

6 FA and 2/15 Med Regt attached to 1 AD for operation. They will maintain liaison w/C/CS. Serv Co (Bn sect) will move at dark tonite. Total 77 trucks. McNamara has some in area SW of THALA and has bivouac area picked out already. If you want Serv Co in some other area, send guides to meet them at THALA. Expect to move 1/15 by transportation, when time comes.

C/GB

CG-15

Railway bridge W of KASSERINE destroyed by demolition. Gen Swartcliff

Rcn pursuit missions flown KASSERINE - SBEITLA - FAID 0850 to 1150. No enemy movement.

Air Corps

CG-15

January 17, 1948

SBEITLA

0745

Report to this Hq w/o delay.

CG-15

CG-Rcn

Circumstances permitting request you come to CONSTANTINE for orientation 17 Jan.

CG-1st AD

CG-15

Your presence at Hq 1st AD on Jan 17 not required. 1st AD is sending staff officer to you with all information Jan 17th. Smart will report to you Jan 17. Co "B", 18th Hq Bess one plt, on way to you. Maint Sect End Bn Maint also on way.

CG-GCB

CG-15

0850

Letter from Gen Porter to Gen Robinett, ref: I have been directed to defend GAFSA. You should be prepared to operate in that direction with least possible delay. I have also been told there is a direct line to SBEITLA w/French air warning service and main control station. If so, please keep a msg at station in SBEITLA in order that we may have that line available to us. I am going to Hq for instructions tomorrow you will be in command until my return.

Porter Robinett

CONFIDENTIAL

Jan 17 45

SBEITLA

TIME

DATE

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

1050

This Hq has not located direct air warning line from SBEITLA to TERESSA. There is line thru FERIANA.

C/CB

Satin

1052

Gen Koelitz will meet Gen Robinett at latter's HQ today.

Porter

CG-15

1105

Capt Yaiter rptd to CP

1118

Rpt to CP w/o delay.

CG-15

2/8

1058

Lt Mills was here & was given a detailed explanation of messages, (first two of this date.) Is further information desired?

LO-Air

CG-15

0830

By location not clear. 18-2-0401.

Serv Co

CG-15

1500

2400 rounds before-amm available here. We can transport if necessary checking up on lubricants & spare parts, will advise.

2PT's and peeps not available now. Get definite information and designation by Bn & Regt of all French units in DUVIVIER sector.

CG-15

Lt Frank

2200

~~SECRET~~: Have Lt Davidson and his air support party return to Div Hq immediately.

CG-1 AD

CG-15

1015

(ATT: Gen Robinett) The French have just brought up a battery AA equipped by USA with 8-40mm & 40mm cal. It is designated SFD Btry AA, commander Capt SUIZET. They have at present only 500 rds per gun (40mm) & no rds AP, also enough supplies such as grease, etc, for 4 days. No spare parts & hardly any transport. Col Bouley asks you to do all you can to obtain (a) more ammunition, (b) further 4 wks of maint material, (c) spare parts (d) 2 trucks 2PT, and 1 peep. Capt SUIZET is calling to see me this evening. Can I give him hope of any of this material? On the attached overlay I have marked our probable initial CP and the project location of 27 FA. The latter have an off here today making a run and I have asked him to see me before returning to SBEITLA, so that I can tell the French what he has decided.

Communications: If you have decided on a CP in the mine at DV TROZZA (08715) I will have the French lay a line from there to the existing exchange at approx 0811.

Lt Frank CG-15

1550

Gen Koelitz visited CP 1550 hrs, conference w/Gen Robinett, Points made:

- (1) Koelitz will not attack w/o American Inf
- (2) After breaking thru 1 tk co w/inf sppt will turn north, 1 co w/inf will turn south, 1 co w/TD ahead to harass enemy and take prisoners.

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Jan 17, 45, contd

SECRET

TIME DATED

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

1550

- (contd)
- (3) Koeltz will not attack w/o air.
 - (4) Artillery will be coordinated
 - (5) Our CP will be Dj TROZZA.
 - (6) There will be radio liaison between our CP & Koeltz and Duvier
 - (7) Duvier CP will be at SATCUR EL AL
 - (8) Artillery & signal off meeting at 1000 hrs 18 Jan
 - (9) Mines (enemy) at HJ EL ABSEL HR 15 days ago

1750

Report to Exec at Off mess at 1850.

C/CB

Hq Co

1850

~~Organizations will enter only that water provided by the Engr water purification unit. ACK~~

C/CB

All Units

0955

1/6 plt 59 cannon Co "A" Co, 1/15, plus what additional tanks for which transporters are available are alerted to move to area 8 of THALA on 4 hrs notice after 1500 hrs today. Gen Oliver will arrive your CP this PM to spend night unless you desire otherwise I will send tk plt C/CB to you by first available transports.

Cairns

CG-15

2055

Rcn observation patrol #2 outpost mission completed as assigned. No enemy activity observed.

2nd Plt/8

CG-15

1610

Orders received to move in through serials on nite 18/19, 19/20 & 20/21, Maint Co, 15th AR (Rolph agrees as best plan) will move nite 19/20 to area already run near KASSERINE and will drop surplus H/T's vicinity of BOU CHERKA guarded by plt Co B, 18th Engrs, unless other instructions received prior to them. Other movements as follows nite 18/19. 1/8 Inf cannon plt 59 Inf, 5 tks, C/CB, 5 spare lt tks from Co C, Maint Bn, and Det 1/15 AR consisting of Det Hq Co & Co B, w/25 tks. The 55 transporters are to return here on nite 19/20 to pick up remaining tks for movement nite 20/21 on nite 19/20, 5 FA Bn (-Btry) & 2/18 Med move south on nite 20/21, Co C/701, C/Maint Bn, B/47 Med, B/Supply Bn, 1st Bn, 15 (-det) & what's left of C/CB, Hq, all nite move to area 20 miles NW KASSERINE except Maint/15. Arrange guides & assignment to bivouac areas. Other details later.

Cairns

CG-15

Worser Plt, 2/15 send to En Riv at 2315 hrs from the position S of FOMMIDOUK where they supported the French attack,

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Jan 17 45 6084

SBEITIA

TIME DATED	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1925	Mag 1755 RE drinking water received & being complied w. 2/15		CG-15
1540	Mr Colley & Lt Culbertson rpt to CP at 1650 hrs to Maj Grondona. (Mr Colley left for SOUK ABRAS 1250 hrs; Lt Culbertson has moved back to 27th FA div near KASSERINE).	S-5 CG-15	Maint Grondona 2/15 S-5
January 18, 1945			
SBEITIA			
0945	Red "Rpt from FONNDOUK" from Capt Sundstrum.		
0900	Lt Col Dittmore, 1st AD Staff Officer (see Mag 0745 hrs, Jan 17), arrived approx 1900 hrs, Jan 17. He is in conference w/Gen Robinett this morning (Jan 18) concerning Sowing operations. Reference dated 1930.		
1155	(Rpt from 1st Plt, Ron Co, 15th AR, that 15 tanks were approaching FONNDOUK 0-8010).		
1200	Have OP #2 rpt enemy activity in vicinity 0-8010 (FONNDOUK) RE; Mag 1155.	CG-15	CG Ron
1210	Alert your command for possible movement toward FONNDOUK. Do not move any vehicles in the bivouac area, or otherwise disclose your location to possible air observation.	CG-15	CG 801
1305	Request authority to turn over (1) one unit of fire 40mm to French Btry HEDJEB EL AIOUAN	CG 15	CG Satin
1400	Kern ordered me to contact you w/this msg; Bn moves tonite from LE KRIB IP at 2015. Riv selected THALA woods area. No need for you to select area for us or to guide us in.	LO-6th	CG-15
1500	Ron OP observed nothing. Info apparently false. 801 closing in biv. Checking further.	RON OP	CG-15
1725	Rpt to this Hq by 1800 hrs	CG-15	CG-6th
1700	Gen Robinett desired your presence at dinner tonite. Gen Oliver will be there. Gen Oliver arrived at CP at 1800 this date.	CG-15	CG-2/15
1430	You will guard fuel dump in woods area SE THALA until further orders.	15	27 FA
1930	Air observation rpt		Ron
2545	1250 and one low flying plane small, slow flying, couldn't be going over 100 mi an hr. Wheel base 15 ft, apparently specially constructed plane that has been blowing the bridges, land mines were used. This rpt is in		

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SBEITLA

TIME DATED

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

contd

regard to blowing of bridge on night 17 Jan.

0205 Contacted patrol on other end they rptd that the French had a Brenn gun on one bridge w/ troops dug in around it. Also gun on other bridge w/more troops. Everything secure.

0455 Negative rpt.

Mag 2545-0655 fr: Bridge Patrol 6 Inf nite 18/19 Jan.

0855 Negative rpt.

January 19, 1945

SBEITLA

1550 Have Capt Reed rpt to this Hq w/out delay.

CG-15 106

1650 There will be a meeting of unit C/C's in officers' mess 1920 hrs today.

CG-15 All units

1700 Co B 16th Eng now at SBEITLA less one plt at SOUK AHRAS; request plt be ordered here w/out delay. 12th Air Force not contacted this Hq on air support as previously arranged. Request that this be done w/out delay. CCB Satin

1720 Alert your command immediately for movement unit commanders rpt to CP w/out delay. CG-15 All Units

1725 Have Maj Long rpt back to CP w/a delay. CG-15 Frank

1747 Cancel tonite's patrol. CG-15 2/6,2/15

1440 Heavy bombing to NE.

2155 Left SBEITLA at 1,055.1 mi.

January 20, 1945

MAKTAR

0245 Arrived MAKTAR at mi 1085.8 Gen Ro inett rptd to Fr Gen.

1715 Col Russell recd the following order from G-3 II Corps by telephone: Move your command I.E. the walking boys, pop guns, Baker's outfit, reverse of Baker's outfit, & the Big Fellows, to "M", which is due N of where you are now; as soon as possible. Have your boss rpt to French Gentleman whose name begins w/"J" (juin) at a place which begins with "D" which is 5 grid squares to the left of "M" (Maktar).

Further, C/CB will enter Corps Command net no later than 0900, 20 Jan. C/CB will remain in contact w/Satin Force at TERESSA

Gen Juin will be here this morning specifically to meet Gen Robinett. Expected to arrive about 1000 hrs. Mag of Fr off.

CONFIDENTIAL

JAN 20, 45

MAKTAR

TIME DATED

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

Information recd vblly from Lt Frank that French AA units would be using the MAKTAR - OUSSELTIA road from 2200 to 2400 hrs, 20th Jan.

1250 An officer was dispatched to contact "A" Co 601st TD Bn at 1050 hrs for information. Information will be forwarded upon his return. 601 S-5

1220 French patrols sent out during morning rpt at 1150 hrs: no movement or contact w/enemy at O-7665 and O-7667. Bn which was lost has been contacted at O-8466; 5 German prisoners taken by French at O-8584. Identity follows. LO CCB

1500 Request thrust lines origin, direction and scale and/or any coordinates system to be used during present operation. 601 CG-15

1802 Map coordinates will be used. Ref enemy in clear. Ref own troops use code for numbers in current 601. CG-15 601

1700 Rpt to CP w/out delay, w/anti-aircraft ammex. CG-15 D/106

2255 Present indications are that this force will fight tomorrow NE MAKTAR will request max air support. CG-15 CG Satin

0156 Tank destroyers withdrawn to N to OUSSELTIA strength 5 guns, 1 left being sent to road jct O-7547, 6 lt tks round OUSSELTIA for defense infantry firing as far N as O-7561. Frank CG/B

0020 Alert your Bn to move and stand by. C/GB 2/8

0150 Relay to BFW enemy 6 mi south of lines you have me to defend estimated bn of inf reinf w/tks. No not known. 5 guns Co "A" withdrew taking positions at LARFK w/1 Fr bn inf. Have decided to defend to NW at LARFK and try to establish line to north which you ordered my force to send inf o.s situation for remainder of Co A unknown. No communication with them. Request reinforcements signed 601 TD.

0528 Have remainder of plt which is furnished OP move to vicinity of OP.

0555 All combat troops of C/GB now moving to area of MAHNSOURA O-5540 your prior orders revoked continue to strike enemy at every opportunity falling back on above area. CG/B 601

January 21, 1945

MAKTAR (En Route to OUSSELTIA)

0525 Column halted. Send Para. 27 15

0546 March resumed 0546. 27 15

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En Route to OUSSELTIA

TIME DATED

MESSAGE

FROM TO

0422	Situation 0800 hrs: enemy - O-6760 to O-6957 to O-7554. No hostile contact location our force co inf O-7455 co Inf O-7453. Co O-7548. B tank destroyer Bn O-8852. Co 287 M O-7050 - OUSSELTIA - 651. ARC 5km. Impossible town N to SW in and around 2 co inf 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ Free French and 670 Bn this area.	Frank	C/CB
0020	Prepare to move at 0445 hrs. Rpt to CP at once.		
0020	Prepare to move at 0445 hrs. Rpt to CG at 27 FA at once.	Russell	B/47
	CP moved out of biv at 0600 hrs (original time: 0445). Closed in biv at 0725 hrs at mi 1104 (Distance 588,570) 19 mi SE from MARTIN.		
0558	Sighted tank column, belong to 2nd Bn, 15th close to road at 92.6 mi in moonlight.		
0800	Make owlcall ron send LO to CP for further ron.	Russell	All units
0815	LO at your HQ - 0815.	2/6	CG-15
0755	Request forward observation. Post off 27 FA Bn rpt to CP 2/6 immediately.	1/6	CG-15
0850	French Maj Gen came to CP at 0850 for conference.		
0845	Arty Off will contact you at once.	Russell	2/6
0921	CP reports your vehicles stand out like sore thumbs.	Russell	2/6
0855	Request air support at once.	601	CG-CCB
0950	Give time target and bom line in air request or did you wantqair cover.	C/CB	601
0915	No change in situation	601	CG-CCB
	Where is your LO?	CCB	601
	Request rpt of air ron this AM.	CCB	Satin
	Your dispersion and camouflage still not satisfactory. Take action.	CCB	2/6
1105	Send LO. ACK.	CCB	601
1105	Out LO last rpt w/you.	601	CCB
1125	We have had conflicting rpts on location of tanks if area is O-7445 attack but cover N there is no air LO air request thru command net.	CCB	601
1150	Representative is on way.	CCB	601

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En Route MAITAR - OUSSELTIA

TIME DATED

MESSAGE

FROM TO

1200 Planes not attacking w/not be fired on except on order
of organization commander. CCB All Units

1245 Gen Ecolts, acting as the rep of Gen Juin himself confirmed
Al Baker's information and ordered an attack to the NE.

1140 Most urgent Force Commander or his rep come to this CP.

(RADIO CONVERSATIONS BEGIN HERE -- Transcription)

1240 Prepare to move CO's to CP at once. CCB All Units

1240 Fire only on hostile planes. " "

1245 Spt to CP at once. " CO-47

1400 Attack order given CO's by Lt Col Cairns.

1550 Request bombardment on Co tanks and 2 Co Inf at RJO-
752466 prior to 1545 hrs. Beale II Corps

1504 Left CP at 1104 mi.

1550 Elements closed in concealed biv near OUSSELTIA at mi.
(#-6445).

Give me your situation. Russell 2/6

1820 ANS: First Round's Over. The first round was heard round
the world. (Fired both 75's & mortar). Ringsak

Where is the location? Russell

ANS: Where the TD had their trouble this morning. Ringsak

Mortars are on the way.

(CONVERSATION BETWEEN COL RUSSELL & MAJ SIMMERMAN)

1820 There is no development in the situation so far. Gardiner
has proceeded as ordered. Simmerman

Whose artillery was it we heard a short time ago? Where
did it land? Russell

ANS: It is our own artillery, so far as I can tell. From
my position, I could not see any fire from the North.
I could see our own artillery.. Simmerman

Where was artillery landing? Russell

ANS: Landing to the north of the town. Simmerman

1855 Right Co encountered 5 MK IV's and one armd car 1000 yds
NE of rd junction (700440). 2/6

CONFIDENTIAL

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EN ROUTE TO CUSSELLIA

TIME-DATED

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

- 1 1655 I have just finished rounding up reserves. I am leaving this set now, but you can contact them through this set at any time if need be. Cairns 601
- 1645 At 1640 1 ME 109 dived in area of 2115. It did not drop any bombs. It was taken under fire by our own AA.
- 1710 Our left unit is moving forward again with 2/15. 2/6
- 1715 Our leading elements are located approx 3 mi E of town. 2/15
- 1725 Our right unit is now moving forward. The left flank is around the bend in the road, and going NE & will soon be going N. The right flank is almost through the mountains on the S side of the road. The left unit is in contact with 2/15 and is now moving forward in their vehicles. They have overcome minor opposition that they had. 2/6
- 1724 Gen Robinett asked for situation via voice radio. ANS: The situation at present is that our right unit is advancing along original line, has rounded bend where TD's rptd being fired at this morning. They are with 2/15. They have a unit covering our right flank which is almost to the mountainside. Our left unit has been assisted by 2/15 & the mortar fire has been eliminated, and are now following 2/15. Their position is by the road which is NE of their original line of departure; the road which seems to be in such good shape. 2/6
- Have you encountered any enemy tanks? Robinett
- 1755 ANS: We encountered 3 MK 4 tanks and 1 armored car on the road which our right flank unit is taking. They have either been disabled or have left. 2/6
- 1754 Situation by Maj Simmerman: Leading elements 3 mi E of town crossing road. Left column of 2/6 are w/ them. I have no rpt of enemy tanks. 2/15
- 1740 I have only had one rpt on the attack which I sent to your OP, by my Executive. Col Baker
- Then you have nothing to report? Robinett
- MNS: That is correct. Baker
- Are you now engaging the enemy? Robinett
- ANS: From the last rpts we got in, we were not in any contact; we were merely moving ahead. 2/15
- 1752 At the base of the mountain to the east, & under the moon from here, have been observed numerous flashes. Are they yours? Robinett

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Jan 21, 45, contd

Near OUSSELTIA

TIME DATED

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

1752 ANS: We have had no rpts from our units recently. I have been trying to get them. I will find out and let you know as soon as possible. 2/15

1754 From here, in the direction of the moon, we have observed numerous flashes. Are you being engaged from the front? Robinett
ANS: As far as I know, that is our guns firing. There may be some guns firing in return. I will get a report from our forward unit and advise you. 2/6

1755 The latest report is that our vehicles are being fired upon from the position UT. About 5 guns were firing and evidently they seem to be bothering them a whole lot. 2/15
Are you continuing to engage them? Robinett
ANS: We are engaging them. 2/15

1759 Move your outfit to where they can rpt their engagements. Cairns
ANS: We are separated from our unit and at present, our car is far in the rear, in the same position we occupied early this morning. There is no officer with us.

1800 The limit line is lifted. Russell - All

1805 Disregard last message. New message follows: "Continue attack. Limitation line previously given is withdrawn." Russell All

1805 5 Hostile tanks at 7258. 2/6 2/15
Our forward line, right units can see something and would like to know whether it is friendly. Elkins

1810 2/15 is supposed to be in contact with your left column. The last report said they were in the position you mention. Cairns

1805 Send situation and your location to OGCCEB, FR: CG, II Corps.

1825 Location CP (830485). CCB moved from MANTAR night Jan 20/21 Jan. Command committed 1500 hrs to retake ground west of pass (750480). Action continues successful so far. Long II C

1908 Tanks fired on by 5 guns vicinity (0-7248) could not locate guns. Tanks now in position holding hill (0-7146). 2/15 CCB

1950 715477 -- RT Unit 785445 2/6 15

1954 Our right unit has passed RJ 5K1 & have contacted 2/15. 2/6 15

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Jan 21 45 contd
Near OUSSELTIA

TIME DATED	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1159	French officer reports Gen Juin promises us large air bombardment bombardment in the morning and wants to know our objective; if they can carry out the bombardment on our objective without hitting French troops who are to move from their present location in a westward direction in the morning.		
Jan 22, 1945 Near OUSSELTIA			
0455	Gen Deligne called at 0515 liaison officer and delivered Gen Juin's instructions. Placing GCB under the direction of Deligne, and reversed his previous instructions for continuation of attack to NE to N covering against the defile to the right. (Instructions verbal).		
0556	Movement complete.	B/16	CCB
0155	Has D Co returned report when move ordered is complete thru liaison.	CCB	2/6
0140	Report when move ordered is complete.	CCB	2/15
0425	CO and supply officer report to CP at once.	CCB	All units
0455	Movement ordered completed.	CCB	2/15

SPECIAL ORDER FOR GEN ROBINETT

I. British Armored forces acting on the axis BOROJ - MAUSOLEE - have reached the MAUSOLEE - ~~MAUSOLEE~~ and are in contact with the enemy armor who hold the BYZANTINE RUINS.

II. The commander-in-chief orders the Robinett detachment to head north to reach the region of the MAUSOLEE and reestablish contact at that point with British forces.

III. As objective, the Robinett detachment will, in cooperation with the English, hold on the general line MAUSOLEE - HENCHIR - KABACHAHM.

IV. In the course of operations, the Robinett detachment will take all measures to protect itself from the East.

C.P. Jan 22, 1945
Gen Deligne

0840	Send situation and locations as of noon today.	II C	Robinett
n 0910	Non Fit Commander protecting left flank reported artillery barrage falling on him at 0855. Have been unable to contact them by radio since then. No other radio available.	601	CCB

CONFIDENTIAL

January 22, 45 contd
Near OUSSELTIA

TIME
1000

MESSAGE

FROM TO

1. ~~Enemy Information:~~ At 725-457 which is Bench Mark 588 on down the road to 881 to cross roads 588 this morning there was a heavy concentration just north of 588. Several vehicles also 88mm were destroyed or run back; also believe gas dump set on fire (0900 rpt).

2. One Btry forward observer returned due to communication trouble reports our Inf and a few tanks are withdrawing East to West at 7084. He was fired on by arty — can't locate enemy btry but may be vicinity (7248). (0945 rpt).

3. FO rpts German medics moving in now to pick up wounded. (FO at 6th Inf — 0958).

EO-27 CCB

Firing ceased while German picked up wounded; then resumed.

1015

Right unit has no contact with enemy. Patrols being sent fwd to gain contact. Only 2 rds enemy arty read. Enemy tanks seen withdrawing around base of hill 488 to N-E. No enemy activity on rt flank.

2/6 CCB

1055

Very limited targets of opportunity. Batteries placing fire with one gun on scattered small enemy personnel. No tank or vehicle activity observed.

27 15

1055

Town is being shelled. (OUSSELTIA)

2/15 CCB

1042

As friendly planes returned from mission, they strafed our position. Notify airfield.

2/15 CCB

1125

Location 2 guns (0-7084) are ones 882 was speaking of. Crews taken out by arty.

2/6 CCB

1125

11 MK IV tanks coming from vicinity of disabled 88 towards our position. TDs in position-arty observers in position

2/6 CCB

1115

Friendly planes returning from mission strafed our own Inf. near OUSSELTIA at 1040.

8-2 Air

1205

Alert Olson. Beale on way w/instructions.

1220

Co "B" 6th Inf now with us.

2/15 CCB

1214

Concerning shelling at OUSSELTIA conferred w/Col Baker believed to be 150mm in vicinity of the pass. Range would indicate position this side of pass.

27 CCB

1155

11 MK IVs coming from direction of road block toward position of RDO (2/6).

CCB 2/15

1200

No bombing targets under observation from ground observers.

27 CCB

1520

Gas situation OK.

602 CCB

1525

A Btry 20 rpts he has run into stragglers of cannon co, 6th Inf at 7047. They rpt the loss of 3 75mm assault guns At 4717. Hostile fire believed to be 88mm from vicinity 7249.

27 CCB

CONFIDENTIAL

Jan 22, 45 contd

Near OUSSELTIA

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1850	Begin operation as per instructions to Simmersan. Olason remains in present location. Rpt when you move out.	15	2/15
1425	ACK msg 1915 dated 21 Jan.	15	II AC
1550	Operation as given unit commanders this morning beginning.	CCB	All Units
1445	ACK your 0821 Jan. Do 2nd Bn, 28th Inf, 58rd FA Bn, 1st Bn, 16th Inf come under my cmd on arrival O-4040?	CCB	II AC
1915	2nd Bn, 28th Inf and 58rd FA Bn moving to O-4040 tonite. 1st Bn 16th Inf to same place tomorrow nite. A force of 1st AD similar to yours being formed at SBEKTLA tonite. ACK.	II AC	Robins
1454	Head of column moved at 1455.	2/15	CCB
1600	Rpt progress and opposition encountered.	CCB	2/15
1615	What is your location?	CCB	2/15
1855	Column has reached O-6047. No hostile contact.	2/15	CCB
1700	Have just arrived phase line "A".	2/15	CCB
1800	Gen Koelitz arrived for conference with Gen Robinett. Conference ended 1700.		
1700	Have just arrived Phase Line A.	2/15	CCB
1707	2/15 reached PL A at 1700.	CCB	27 FA
1410	Destroy your copy of FO #2 and operational overlay. Receipt requested.	1 AD	CCB
1525	FO #2 w/operational overlay was received and is now destroyed.	CCB	1 AD
1755	Co F on line 685555 - 700550 receiving hvly arty fire from positions about 800 - 1000 yds north. D & F Cos are separated and have been ordered to mm rally in rear of above line.	Simmersan	CCB
1755	Stop advance at dusk assemble on most suitable ground & outpost for night. ACK.	Russell	2/15
1700	Situation as of 1200 hrs, 22 Jan follows: Germans troops w/88mm AT guns FA and a few tks hold high ground vicinity Dj MIHANA feature. Tk Co moving NW on road at O-740460. This Command ordered to attack north from OUSSELTIA, gain contact w/British vicinity MAUSOLEE & with the British, hold on the general line MAUSOLEE -- HENCHER -- KARACHAUN. This command is also ordered to contain the enemy to the east of OUSSELTIA. In accordance w/order a reinforced tk bn attacks north at 1450. A reinforced inf bn supported by Pn arty contains enemy to east. Disposition of troops at 1200 hrs is shown on attached overlay.	Russell	II AC

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TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1915	Meeting of all unit commanders this CP at 2050 hrs tonite.	CCB	
2510	Periodic rpt for Jan 21 sent you this morning. Our present location (O-8245) unchanged. Periodic rpt for 22 Jan will be fwded in the morning.	CCB	II AC
2100	Col Frechet will command force including 2/26 Inf and 35 FA this force will be under my direct command and will not come under your command, rpt your operation & present position.	II AC	CCB
2115	What is situation, can you carry out mission of clearing OUSSELTIA Valley of Germans and infantry with British forces in vicinity of 07570. If not what reinforcements would you need? Cannot reinforce with inf.	II AC	CCB

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0145	Today the enemy definitely had at least 3 or 4 Btry 105mm or larger, 4-88mm's 2 cos tanks, 1 Bn inf in this area with unknown strength in mountain area to the north. <u>Own Situation:</u> Strength depleted owing to long usage now 50 tanks, 9 SM and 8 towed 105mm's, 1 Bn Inf short about 100 men and without radio communication in lower echelons, 12 TD guns and 1 Btry 40mm AA. Request reinforcements at least 2 Bns Inf, 1 Bn FA, 1 Co TD and all the British bunch from the north. Present strength not sufficient for Bob and will be in danger of destruction if attack to the north continues under present circumstances.	CCB	II AC
1025	French report Dj DABOUSS north of OUSSELTIA - KALBOUAN road in German hands, (To CG CCB from CG II Corps). Hold your command in OUSSELTIA area and support French positions from OUSSELTIA - KALBOUAN road to Pichon.	II Corps	CCB
1050	General Dalane called at this Hqs and stated that French troops in mt pass north of KALBOUANA - OUSSELTIA Pass had been withdrawn and that a French Inf Bn was now in position on the west side of KALBOUAN - OUSSELTIA mt pass south of the front held by 2/6 Inf.		
1120	5 German planes (JU-88?) passed south of CP at 6000 ft moving SW.		
1025	Fetchet has Bn of 26th and 55rd FA Bn. Bn of 16th expected this AM. Ron shows impossible for Fetchet to advance on route now assigned. There is no road. I am with Robinett who cannot advance with force he now has but with Fetchet assisting can clear out OUSSELTIA Valley and allow Fetchet to establish line. British now on left of Fetchet's line to Fredndahl from Akers request immediate reply. If approved Fetchet will move his force into valley tonight and he and Robinett make coordinated attack AM 24 Jan. British must push East and capture CR O-7769.	Akers	II AC

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TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1120	27 FA Requested to lay fire on road 7452 to 7228. CAIRNS.		
1010	CP now at 156351.	27 FA	CCB
1015	Bombardment of enemy concentration at () carried out as previously requested at 1230 hrs. Attack made by six light bombers. Target bracketed. Results still unknown.	S-5Afr	
1515	We have just received a message from Gardiner. He is under arty fire. No damage to date.	2/15	CCB
1550	No change. Our arty at haystack afire near house seems some ammo stored there. Small arms and some arty which is now exploding. 2/6		
1448	In view of orders from Fatchet force, what is mission of CCB?	CCB	II AC
1455	Div CP located S-6858	S-13	CCB
0240	French report Dj DABOUSS north of OUSSELTIA - KAIROUAN roads in German hands. (Robinett - II Corps) Hold your commanding OUSSELTIA area and support French positions from OUSSELTIA and KAIROUAN road and PICHON Rd. Relay following instructions to Fatchet. Fatchet will secure and hold Dj al SERDN - Dj BARGAU in conjunction with British on north Rd. Robinett advise.	II AC	CCB
1500	Send com in force to 6964 by way of 6656. Plt Com 15 now at 20125.	CCB	2/15
	Attack orders of 2/15 revoked. 2/15 will make com in force to 6964 via 6656.	CCB	2/6 2/15
1700	Co B 47th Med Bn has moved from THALA and has joined Co B det in the location of 47 treatment station.	47	CCB
1750	2/6 cover detucking of 16th and 26th Inf as per instructions, sent you by your liaison officer. Your patrols will contact guides of 16th Inf at OP 601st at about 2100 hrs.	CCB	2/15
1850	Send CCB tank plit to MAKTAR immediately. They will bivouac there and await orders.	CCB	15
2020	Large column of vehicles sound like tanks are approaching our road block.	2/6	CCB
2150	Vbl orders issued by S-5 to unit cmdrs at 2015. The 2nd Bn, 6th Inf with 1 plit Co E 16th AR and 1 sect Co B 601 TD attached was given the mission of covering the detucking of the 1st Bn 16th QT in the vicinity of O-7542.		
2145	The following orders given to LOs 16 ECT at 1915. (1) 1/16 moves into area O-7442 tonight 25/24. (2) The 2/25 will be moved into area just north OUSSELTIA if they can do before dawn. (3) 53rd FA will move into position SE of OUSSELTIA night of 25/24. (4) 7th FA will move into OUSSELTIA area night 24/25.		
2155	At about 1500 Lt Col Akers came to this Hq accompanied by Col Fatchet and staff of the 16th ECT. Akers advised Gen Robinett that the		

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contd	16th RCT less 2nd and 3rd Bns plus 2nd Bn 26th Inf, 53rd FA and the 7th FA were attached to CCB. Hasty plans made for an attack PM 24 Jan were later cancelled.		
2110	Vehicles reported precious investigated seem to be heavy trucks or H/T vehicles towing or carrying heavy load going into position of 89 that has been reported all day. No movement at present time.		2/6 CCB
1925	Arty normally with Stark will revert to Stark, or bns for employment of Stark are being sent to you from CG II Corps.	Frank	CCB
1505	For Stark at MAKTAR under Ebinett's control as soon as practicable. Fredendall.		II AC CCB
1555	LO requested enemy CCB to facilitate supply to Stark with 53rd Corps. ACK. This is paraphrase msg 22 Sig 1950. Ans taken care of also. ACK.		I AD CCB
1455	You will move 26th CT less 2nd and 3rd Bns and 53rd FA to assembly area woods east of MAKTAR under cover of darkness tonite. Effective upon arrival there, you will pass to comd of Gen Robinett, CCB.		Robinett Fetchet

LO 2/15 rptd that reinforced plt making run in force lost at (contd) 0-7054; 1 tk in exchange for 1 88mm gun and 15 to 20 German Infantry - 1815 hrs.

Your mission will be to organize defensive position west of OUSSELTIA. 5000 AT mines will be available to you on trucks at MAKTAR. You will maintain contact w/ Fetchet who is occupying the Dj SERIN - Dj BARGOU Ridge. A French staff officer will meet you in MAKTAR to guide you to OUSSELTIA area. 8th FA Bn is en route from QUELMA to join Fetchet. When this Bn arrives it will revert to your command for employment in support of your position. When remainder of infantry of 16 RCT has joined Fetchet, 2/26 Inf will revert to Corps reserve at SBETLIA. Starke will move 2/28 Inf to SBETLIA when relieved by Fetchet. Corps will establish supply point.

Situation rpt 1100 hrs. PICHON. Nothing to rpt no enemy movement. Further south enemy strength FONDDOUK area 2 Bns 47th Inf Regt and 2 Bns 91st Inf Regt little arty no present rpt of tks; independent tank bn believed to be west of KAIROUAN further south of GAFSA. Enemy quiet strength unchanged in combat zone. Rommel's force rptd near Tripoli - Tunisia border. Probable intention of enemy to hold MARETH line against 8th Army. Own troops at SBETLIA CGA consisting of 1-8th Inf; 5-1st AR Bn artillery also same location force consisting of Bn # 26 Inf Regt and arty remainder 1st AD in reserve at BOU CHERKA. Div Hqs and II Corps Hqs same area. Area MAKTAR 16th Inf Regt and one Bn Pitiah FERIANA Raff force 1-1st AR At Algiers; 5 Bns 15th AR to be at BOU CHERKA in 2 days at 1100 hrs. Yesterday plan at II Corps was as follows: For CGA with 5 bns French inf attack and take high ground N & S of FONDDOUK.

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TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
	Late yesterday French refused to cooperate and plan may attack cancelled AM. Awaiting information now intention this area to drive Germans N & NE of OUSSELTIA with minimum force possible and join with British area O-7271-BJ to hold ground N & NE of MABA — 26 Inf to hold high ground O-6780 to O-7669 — CCB to hold valley N & NE OUSSELTIA by patrols. CCB to be withdrawn and reconcentrated at area SBREITIA. Strategic plan to clear area with minimum force then to attack in strength E of SBREITIA towards GABES — SFAX area. If Rommel tries to hold MARETH Line. Intention to stop enemy denying entrance Lt Frank of 8th Army into TUNISIA. More follows information from I AD & II Corps via phantom patrol.		

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0934	Rebulet. Some requests for fighter cover (from I AD II Corps to CCB) from first light to 0900 24th is approved and will be furnished.		II AC CCB
0945	Rpt to GP.		CCB Ron CO
0950	Send LO here. 26th Inf less 2 Bns under command CCB. Rpt into 26th Inf command net w/o delay.		CCB 2/26 Inf
1050	Ron rptd 5 enemy tanks and 2 88mm guns were knocked out in operations by Ron Co, 24th Jan.		Yetter
0540	Photo mission requested thru Col Aker cannot be performed, as photo equipment has not arrived in this area. (To CG - CCB - Robinett from Williams - 12th Air Support Gmd). Bombardment mission will be performed. Request targets designated thru Aker be further defined and localized thru your air support party as this information becomes available. All possible cover mission will be furnished.		II AC CCB
1110	RE: Your CO CT 18 of 19 Jan regret unable to supply paper per LOD suggest contact adv stationery depot #3. 2140.		II AC CCB
1059	Expedite ACK to adm O #4, dated 17. 2015.		II AC CCB
1526	Extremely important arrangements must be concluded immediately if they are to be put into effect; therefore, give us immediate information on your plans.		II AC CCB
1155	Is overlay sent to you by Col Akers still in effect?		56 Brig CCB
1645	Patrol actively engaged to your front tonight; 2/6 Inf will do same. Maintain liaison with 2/6. ACK.		CCB 2/26 I
1428	Map template reference holes: 3, 5, 1, 6, 8, 4, 2, 9, 7. Map template tilt angle 2, 1 map, 4, 2, 2, 7.		I AD CCB
1725	Move as soon as possible after dark. 26th Inf plans to move after you about 2100. Establish liaison w/26 Inf.		CCB 7 FA

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TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1750	Royal West Kents under command of C/C B.	CCB	Oral
1755	Co D 6th Armd Inf reverts to 2/6 at 1900 hrs tonite. 601 TD Bn moves at 2000 hrs into area of 2/15; Co B 18 Engrs is attached to 601 TD at 2000; 2/15 moves into area of Co E 15 AR at 2150 hrs. Btry 27 FA has priority on positions in area 2/15. Detach 601 TD Bn except one hvy sec w/2-8 Inf revert to 601st TD at 1700. Plt 2/15 with Co E 6 Inf reverts to 2/15 at 1700 hrs.	CCB	Concerned
1810	Unit commanders meeting at 2050 hrs. tonite.	CCB	All CGs
1852	C in C is concerned lest Fatchets forces become heavily engaged in valley and fail to reach original objective (to Gen Robinett from C/B II AC). The C in C further does not wish attainment of objective to route up the valley be accomplished only by loss or grave risk of your force. On the ground you are able to judge risks involved. If they are heavy Fatchet should be ordered to return to MAKIAR area and take western route thru BOBAA in order to get on his objective and you should operate from the OUSSELFIA line.	II AC	CCB
1500	Rpt at once the situation on your front.	58 Brig	CCB
1845	Situation quiet. Enemy shows signs of leaving valley. Patrolling actively.	CCB	56 Brig
1805	RE: my msg of 1500 27 C on CER. Understanding is that air attack will take place at 0845 hrs. time please confirm and rpt on weather conditions your area.	II AC	CCB
1550	1st AD has LO here thru whom request for assistance can be made.	II AC	CCB
1600	RE: Questions of Col Cairns; Co B Supply B still under command CCB. Co A 70th Tank Bn to remain under command of French for political reasons. Suggested that we assist them in any way possible.	II AC	CCB
2256	Arrived in assembly area.	16 Inf	CCB
2540	ACK your msg pertaining to movement Col Fatchet Regt Hqs & Cannon Co.	CCB	II AC
2545	Send LO to rpt to CO of French troops on your right at farm O-7040 at 0600 hrs 25 Jan 45. Desirable officer speak French.	CCB	28 Inf
1900	Detach at once repeat at once Col Fatchet Regt Hq and Cannon Co 16 Inf. This force will move at once to SILLIANA by way of MAKIAR. A staff officer of this Hq will meet Col Fatchet at SILLIANA with further instructions. 2/16 Inf will move from GUREMA to SILLIANA tonight arriving at SILLIANA 1000 25 Jan and will come under Fatchet command at that time. Fatchet will proceed with this force to his original objective thru all British, French and Amer.		

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MESSAGE

FROM TO

1900

contd

Bns on this line are under Fatchet's command. ACK this msg and rpt to II Corps time Fatchet clears on this movement.

2550

The following msg received from II Corps: Detach at once Col Fatchet, Regt Hq and Cannon Co 16th Inf. This force will move at once to SILLIANA by way of MARTAR. A staff officer of this Hq will meet Col Fatchet at SILLIANA with further instructions. 2/16 Inf will move from GUELMA to SILLIANA tonite arriving at SILLIANA 1000 hrs. 25 Jan and will come under Fatchet command at that time. Fatchet will proceed with this force to his original objective where all British, American and French Bns on this line are under Fatchet's command. Comply and ACK this msg. Rpt time you clear on this movement.

CCB 16 Inf

Gen Staff requests no action by local American commanding officer until arrival LO at MARTAR at 1130 hrs.

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0745

No air; bad weather;

IX AC CCB

0818

Rpt at once results of patrolling.

CCB 601

0855

All patrols out. No reports yet.

601 CCB

0850

Col Fatchet rptd leaving at 0450 hrs.

CCB II AC

0825

Maj. Chase was here last night (checking further) 0825;

Maj. Chase is in MARTAR, 0826.

CO 16 CCB

0930

- (1) Location: 892-497
- (2) Information of our troops: 601 Rm Sect in our area
- (3) Operations: Scouting Party 750-591 - No enemy sighted.

16 Eng CCB

0945

Air bombardment and strafing missions have been cancelled due to bad weather.

CCB All units

0920

Give situation and location of forward troops.

CCB 26 Inf

1025

Continue covering north flank and seize and secure RJ - O-7452. Stark moves to O-7552 and 7750. Make contact.

CCB 601

1025

601 TD has been ordered to seize and secure RJ O-7452 Stark to O-7552.

CCB CO 27

1050

Friendly troops 15, 8 & 10. No enemy.

6 Inf CCB

1045

Baker ~~moves~~ moves to RJ O-7452.

CCB 2/6

1055

Hold present position, be prepared to move north with tanks.

CCB 2/6

0800

Attack and cover missions for Jan 25; have been set up but weather expected to prevent missions being flown.

12 AF CCB

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TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1055	Rcn will be sent as soon as weather permits. Missions yesterday saw nothing to rpt. Planes have been instructed to contact you direct when in your area.	12 AF	CCB
1120	What goes on PICHON - FONNDOUK? Urgent.	CCB	Frank
1025	601 TD has been ordered to seize and secure RJ - O-7452. Stark to O-7552.	CCB	27 FA
1145	Have 7 FA rcn for gun positions vicinity of O-6854.	CCB	27 FA
0925	26 CI, G Co rptd arrived along hill 576 at 0730 hrs north of ex 26 CI; F Co moving to left of G Co approx at (1/50,000) 747457. Attack jumped off on time. No hostile contact yet gained.	26 CI	CCB
1200	We are starting N towards MARNCHAR - KARACHOUM line. OUSSELTIA - KAIROUAN pass secured. Keep us informed on PICHON - FONNDOUK area.	CCB	CCA
1210	RJ 551 mortar fire falling there location of mortars undetermined.	2/15	CCB
1215	CP moving 15. R 5/7	601	CCB
1247	Gun in position at 16.5 E 4.5 Mine at 16.5 E 4.5. guards have been placed around mine field Rcn north and south. No enemy in sight.	601	CCB
1258	Have engineers remove mine field.	CCB	601
1222	Mine field located SE of RJ 755455 (100 yds). My Engrs on way to determine extent and remove if possible. Stark lost peep there. Will salvage peep if possible.	5/6	CCB
1000	No enemy personnel or vehicle activity seen by all fwd observers.	CO 27	CCB
1115	Rpt situation also pass to CG 1st Inf Div rpt CP British 1st Army immediately.	II AC	CCB
1217	Unable to furnish information. Will send it in as soon as recd.	26 CI	CCB
1255	88mm gun knocked out at 775475.	27	CCB
1510	Rpt from 53rd FA and 7th FA. In contact w/enemy both Bns firing targets MG, Inf and R Btrs. Direction toward the east.	27	CCB
1115	Western exits of OUSSELTIA - KAIROUAN PASS in our hands. We are starting North. Our advance elements now 7556. Situation well in hand. Very little resistance.	CCB	II AC
1250	What is location 1/15 Inf?	II AC	CCB

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TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1525	RE your msg 1280, location 1/16; O-5845.	CCB	II AC
1545	Get in radio contact with us on 2020 KC, or, through your recon patrols, keep us informed of situation in PICHON - FONDOUK area. OUSSELTIA - KAIROUAN pass (west side) in our hands. We are moving north. Leading elements now 7565. Resistance lt.	CCB	CCA
1558	Request location of Kents. Has American Colonel Fuchete made contact with you?	CCB	56 Brig
1852	Have reached and secured my positions Rcn north and east; no contact or sight of enemy. How far north and northeast may I push my An? Request immediate answer.	501	CCB
1416	Engrs were ordered to remove minefields previous to receipt of your order.	501	CCB
1436	Move to secure high ground vicinity SI BOU BHARA (O-7685) and ARGOUB - SMAKMAK (O-7464). Stark pushing to seize BJE - MEL - ZEMILIA. 2 Plt Rcn at O-7667 at 1415 hrs.	CCB	501
1514	Have objective. Second Bn, 26 CT mopping up.	26 CT	CCB
1455	Verify your rpt in msg 1514.	CCB	26 CT
1050	Gen Robinett ordered (vck) the TD guns attached to 8th Inf to move to BJ vicinity of 752454. At 1550 hrs, Gen Robinett concurred w/Col Stark at the front. Enemy resistance encountered on Hill 588 (768470). 26th Inf will assault this point 1600 hrs and then if possible cross the road and take the hill Dj LADIRECH. Gen Robinett ordered the continuation of the attack to secure the high ground to the north and NW from Dj LADIRECH. The Gen returned to the Cp at 1500 hrs.		
1400	For Col Arnold, Deputy GS II Corps, 3rd Bn, 16th Inf, remain in bivouac East MAKTAR under command Robinett.		II AC CCB
1550	Have located minefield booby traps at house 551. Request help from Engrs. Supply of demolition limited. Field covered with trick wires. Request answer so work can be done before dark. 2/6		CCB
1440	Enemy strong point at 1/50,000 (769470) holding up advance momentarily.	26 CT	CCB
1510	No change in enemy situation.	26 CT	CCB
1520	Cancel all plans for air support today.	26 CT	CCB
1610	You will relieve B/16 w/co from your Bn Reg needed for other work. Relief to take place as soon as possible. Notify us when accomplished.	CCB	2/6

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TIME

MESSAGE

FROM TO

- 1620 Msg to move road but apparant action judged to be in vicinity of 7748 SE of my present gun position. Recommend no move until contact made w/Starke. We have contacted 1st enemy Inf 752527. Await orders. 601 CCB
- 1700 You will attack at dark as planned to take the northern tip of Dj RIHANA and to take Dj LAHIRECH. Am sending you one heavy section 601 TD for road block. CCB 28 CT
- 1820 Request that HMA patrol actively to east tonight. Enemy on run. Pick up prisoners moving north. CCB 86 Sig
- 1755 You will make a road block at RJ O-7452 and establish a strong point in that area. One Co, 6th Inf, will be attached to you. Co B, 18th Engrs, is relieved from attached to you. CO Ron Co, 15th, will pick up one heavy section TD in your area. Section is attached to Ron, 15th. ~~Section is attached to Ron, 15th. Section is attached to Ron, 15th. Section is attached to Ron, 15th.~~ send one hvy section to arrive OUSSELTIA at 2000 for attachment to 28 CT. CCB 601
- 1805 You will attack one co to 601 TD Bn at once. Further you will move without delay and establish a road block at RJ 7256, and a strong point in that vicinity. You will patrol actively to the NE tonight. One rifle plt will be attached to Ron, 15th BR. It will be picked up by CO Ron 115 at OUSSELTIA, at 1950 tonite. ACK. Ron Co 15th located at 19.5 L 5. CCB 2/8
- 1855 One plt Co B, 18th Engrs, is attached to you at 2100 keeping the bulk of your force in present location establish a strong point at ~~crossroad OUSSELTIA~~ ~~ROUTE TD is at O-7452.~~ 2/8 Inf moves at once to vicinity 7256. CCB 2/15
- 1927 Ron Co will be at 19.5 L 5. CCB 2/6
- 1950 Send worst plt tanks to Maint 15th tonite for overhaul. CCB 2/15
- 1900 More information later. Attack made but Hill 588 still in enemy hands according to "Dextrose 6". 27 CCB
- 1750

25 Jan 45

1750 hrs

19th Army Corps
G-5

SPECIAL ORDER

The Algiers Division, reinforced by Gen Robinett's command, will take its position upon the following front: KINET EL KRASHA, LESTOUK, ST ALI - FERJANI, KRANGUET EL MESSIRET, where it will join up with Moroccan Div with the mission of barring any advances from the following directions: - MAUSOLEE to OUSSELTIA, KARICHOUH to OUSSELTIA, KAIROUAN to OUSSELTIA, DJELOULA to PICHON. Strong points will be placed in the last part of this wing and on the axis MAUSOLEE - OUSSELTIA.

Strong artillery fire must be able to be placed on the passes of the road from KAIROUAN to OUSSELTIA.

The major part of Gen Robinett's det will be regrouped as a mass of maneuver in the region of OUSSELTIA ready to counterattack to the east or to the north.

L. KINET

General of the 19th Corps

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
<u>8 NOV 42 H. M. T. DURBAN CASTLE</u>				
0057		White Beach landing unopposed	C/C B	J - F
0120		Green Beach landing unopposed	C/C B	J - F
0221		Red Beach reported clear.	C/C B	J - F
0245		One Maricaoibp half-way into beach without orders	C/C B	J - F
0245		One gun btry captured at ARZEW		
0415		CG left Durban Castle for shore	C/C B	J - F
		K-17 broke a boom and 1 LCF damaged. Unrepairable until daylight.	K-17	C/C B
0505		Maricaoibos have not landed their vehicles		C/C B
0535		CG btry contacted at 0535. Ships to move to short limit at 0545		C/C B
0540		503 Paracht Bn delayed until daybreak		C/C B
0545		Call from Col Waters for CG	Col Waters	C/C B
0600		Considerable opposition at Bluf Harbor		C/C B
0620		CG arrived at beach at 0600	CG	C/C B
0620		T-2 and T-3 beached bridge sufficient vehicles start off anytime		C/C B
0812		Msg re: Maricaoibos unloaded 0769		C/C B
0824		Beach radio in contact with Flying Column		C/C B
0835		Rmn Co moved out at 0820		C/C B
0840		Rmn Co. cleared CR 106 three miles SE of Rmn ST CLOUD		C/C B
0930		CP C/C B left Durban Castle	C/C B	J - F

ST LEU, ALGERIA

19 of 313 EM - Vehicles entire Flying Column cleared both Maricaoibos 0906.

HQ personnel on arrival at beach will report to CP SDG for trans to VPQ 0911

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<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
(8 Nov 42 ST LEU CONTD)			
1030	CP arrived at ST LEU Post Office at 1030 hrs.	C/C B	J - F
0927	Head of main body on prescribed route 13 miles N of ST BARBS DU TLELAT.	1st Bn 1st AR	C/C B
1043	Advance guard reached objective (one) six grounded planes.	Rm Co 13-AR	C/C B
1112	Attacking TAFAROUI Airport	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
1215	Secured objective one and about 300 prisoners. Field ready for planes. (Tafaroui Airport).	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
1200	Paratroops observed dropping direction objective two. Now at ST DENIS DU SIG. 1st section 4 mi S of ST LUCIEN	Rm Co 13 AR	C/C B
1410	TAFAROUI being bombed by planes from LA SENIA.	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
1445	Enemy bombers bombed road block at LARED.	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
1420	Road block on bridge at DUBLINEAU supported by Inf. Strength unknown.	Rm Co 13AR	C/C B
1525	Imperative you secure LA SENIA AIRFIELD at earliest opportunity to prevent bombarding the TAFAROUI fields.	II Corps	C/C B
1905	C.O. Spitfires desires word be sent to GIBRALTAR all but one plane landed safely. One being shot down as about to land.	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
2000	Located 3 mi E of BOUDELIS - Separated C.O. from Todd - May go S of SERKA to join all my forces.	C.O. 13AR	C/C B
2135	Situation towards S.W. not clear - reinforcing road blocks - communications bad.	C.O. 13AR	C/C B
2300	2nd Section reports friendly territory from MAUR TO AINE ELARBA - outpost 9 mi E of latter. No contact with Green Force - will proceed at dawn.	C.O. 13AR	C/C B
9 NOV 42 ST LEU, ALGERIA			
0600	Moving to ONAN- LANSANIA at 0400	1 Bn 13 AR	C/C B
0732	12th Air Force Rm Plane sighted 10 trks moving on TAFAROUI road. Shot up several.		C/C B
0744	Attacking LA SENIA Airdrome	1 Bn 13 AR	C/C B

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<u>(9 NOV 42 ST LUCY CONTD)</u>			
0830	Present position BRENDA. Proceeding on to MESSERGHIN.	C O 13 AR	C/C B
0838	Need Help. Have 500 prisoners and 90 planes at LA SENIA.	1 Bn 13 AR	C/C B
0930	Am now defending TAFAROU with 1/2 force. Have reinf co attacking LA SENIA - Threat of Btry trks and arty in ST LUCIEN require this action.	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
0952	Enemy tank column being engaged by our tanks and fighter planes have lost contact with ST LUCIEN	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
1005	Destroy all planes captured at LA SENIA.	II Corps	C/C B
1121	One Section observing ST BARBE - Enemy tank column Rm Co reported S endge of town, - medium size round top my position - ARBAL hvy guns firing on allied planes at FERREUIL: 0905	13 AR	C/C B
0913	We are returning to defend Vle except one tank co. which is continuing on original mission: 0832	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
1233	Rm Co now attacking enemy in ST BARBE DU TLELAT	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
1239	Objective one is under arty. Barrage from point S of ST BARBE. Planes taking off.	Rm Co	C/C B
1350	French Corp reported moving N between MANGIN and city.	Game Cook	All Units
1356	TO: Col Norstad at TAFAROU re. prisoners will try to arrange but will take time.	II Corps	Col Norstad
1400	TO: Col Norstad at TAFAROU. Report strength and location parent Bn. Are they available for defense of TAFAROU and LA SENIA.	II Corps	Col Norstad
1500	75mm guns at MASCARA. French tanks reported there also by civilians. Reinforcements necessary to cover ST DENNIS Sector tonight. - French Medium Tank moved from ST BARBE to VALMY and still there. St LUCIEN results not yet known.	Rm Co 13 AR	C/C B
1550	Enemy arty is firing on the troops at LA SENIA Airport. The tanks are still holding. However they need help.	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
1610	Situation of 1st Bn 16th Inf is good. 5 light tanks have joined me. Am attacking immediately as per attached overlay. The situation here is well in hand.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1710	Situation no change. Btry observed S of ST BARBE 27FA DU-TLELAT neutralized by airplanes.		C/C B
1715	1 Bn 16 CT holding left flank. Div Beach head on line LA MACTA ENNAKALA. 18 CT by-passing ST CLOUD. One Bn held up there. Div continuing on ORAN	1 Inf Div	C/C B

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1727 No damage yet but bursts coming closer. A few C O 13AR C/C B
duds among them. 1528

1845 Send Bn 591st Engrs less 3 defense plts to ARZEW II Corps C/C B
for permanent shore party work. Remainder of
convoy will be unloaded at ARZEW harbor.

1804 Have been held up at MISSERGHIN by hvy arty fire C O 13AR C/C B
from the north. Am leaving road block west of
MISSERGHIN and proceeding to LA SENIA Airport 1540

Being shelled by very hvy arty at long range. C O 13 AR C/C B
Can see gun flashes. Arty officer believes them to
be ORAN heavy coastal guns or 155s.

2225 300 paratroops reached TAFAROUI this afternoon and
are essential for defense of this station. LA SENIA
has not yet been occupied by our air force. Two
of our aircraft destroyed by flak. All aircraft
have full load of ammunition. But supply is
exhausted.

10 NOV 42 ST LEU, ALGERIA.

0100 Moved CP from ST LEU to LA SENIA Airport arriving
at 0700 hrs leaving at 0145 hrs.

LA SENIA, ALGERIA

0900 Under hvy arty fire.

1007 Two columns have entered ORAN. Two more have just started, from fr II
assembly areas. No reports as to results. Two tanks one light Corps
one medium TD gun destroyed by direct hits from arty.

1020 One tank column now is center of ORAN.

1020 We are cruising around in the city. There are 1 Bn 1AR C/C B
no inf here. All public building seem barricaded.

1043 Entering ORAN vicinity of hospital. Have en- 1 Bn 13AR C/C B
countered no opposition as yet.

1046 Situation at TAFAROUI Airport well in hand. No 2 Bn 6 Inf C/C B
hostile troop movements in this area observed
today. Convoy with ammunition and gas for you
will leave here about noon.

1030 Execute continuous ground ron S on MISSERGHIN II Corps C/C B
TLEMEN roads. S on LA-SENIA. GLARE DI-BELABES
road E on DU TLELAT - MARNIA road.

1052 One Bn RT entering ORAN 0830. Resistance less- 1 Inf Div C/C B
ening. Prisoners taken. Where are your advance
elements.

1100 We are receiving enemy fire 75mm. Our location 1 Bn 13 AR C/C B

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(10 NOV 42	LA SENIA, ALGERIA)	CONTD	

2000 hrs S.E. of FORTHILLIPE. Not sure of direction of fire. Are just S. E. of water works and sports grounds.

1100 Immediate contact Lt Leonard and have him get Rm 1 Div net on 3100 kcs using call letters TISI C/C B

1102 We are moving tank co to attack 1 Bn 13 AR C/C B

1103 Several tanks already out of gas others very low. Now far to inf. Shall we try to push thru. 1 Bn 1 AR C/C B

1105 1st Plt trapped at ST DENNIS fighting way out, Rm Co support needed. MG and rifle men have the town. 13 A R C/C B

1130 We are in the middle of town and have located the 1 Bn 1AR route out to Col Waters. C/C B

1145 Maj Schull enroute with 3 gas trks and one ammo. 1 Bn 1AR Using same route as you took. C/C B

~~Gas tank exploded in the middle of town as you took gas up and proceed towards 1st Div 1 Bn 1AR C/C B~~

1136 Location CP near light station 1 Bn 13AR C/C B

1155 Located barracks on RJ TLEMEN and DEMOSCORA. Passed barracks and they report having received orders to stop firing but they are still firing. 1 Bn 13AR C/C B

1157 Direction of our fire now to West. 1 Bn 13 AR C/C B

1200 Effective 0900 hrs today CTF assumes control 2 II Corps C/C B
 beach. Gen WELKE will assume command 531 Engr Shore Bgt. less deta.

1205 Have contacted 1 Inf they attack at 1200 hrs. inf on outskirts of city 4 blocks E place Eugene. Am going to offer Gen Allen a ride into town on my tank. Rest of unit to remain in town. 1 Bn 1AR C/C B

ORAN, ALGERIA.

1200 Moved CP from LA SENIA. enroute to ORAN C/C B J - F

1300 Moved into ORAN. C/C B J - F

1300 ORAN Captulated upon the entry of American forces amid cheers of civilian populace. C/C B J - F

1700 Arrived in Blvouac Area near TAFAROU Airport C/C B J - F

24 NOV 42 TAFAROU, ALGERIA)
(Beginning of trip to TUNISIA)

<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
0730	Operations started: 0730 hrs.		J
0926	Turn 'em over: 0927 Pulled out: 0954 hrs.		
0855	VOI: 1st Serial crossed IP at 0730 hrs 0851 hrs. H/T disabled IP minus 4.		J
0935	Head of 2nd Bn plus atchd 3rd Bn crossing at 0929 hrs. 0930 hrs (3rd Ser).		J J
0951	Started out of Tifaroui Biv 1635 hrs. 10-Nov 0951 hrs. 24 Nov. Horn blast at 0954 hrs designated ready to start. Pulled out 0954. Call for all units to report into next. All units this ser. rpted by 1026. NOTE: C O and Capt Long are riding peeps: Capt Barrow in C O's H/T.		J
1027	Reached ST BARBE DU TLELAT. Left it at 1030 hrs; by a right turn going E at 1105 we by- passed OGGAZ, which lay N (to our left). Reached ST DENIS DU SIG at 1115; left it at 1118. Turned 1/2 left just shrt of MASCARA. Passed through at 1137.		J
1200	1/2 hr halt at roadside for lunch. Start again at 1230 hrs.		J
1230	Decided to stay here 15 min longer. (rad- side for lunch). Head of Column pulled out (C O & 4 Ser) at 1242).		
1155	2 Bn 6 Inf halted 45 min 7 mi from IP	2Bn 6 Inf	J - F
1250	Came to PARRAGEAUX; left it at 1255. (passed thru LOUVION at 1326; turned to the right towards ALGER.		J
1330	Had car trouble (C O's H/T). Stopped by road- side at 44.1 mi.		J
1345	Head of 2 Serial 64.4 mi from IP 1345. (C O's H/T 44.1 mi from IP - ST BARBE DU TLELAT)	1Bn 6 Inf	J - F
1508	Started again at 1508. Stopped again at 1515. Same trouble with engine. Maint (Hq Co) H/T is still with us.		J
1533	Started again		J
1545	Reached F'LILIL		J
1615	RELIZANE		
1710	C O's H/T caught up with column, just as they were pulling out.		J
1820	Pulled into Biv at 112 mi. Rain began about midnight.		J

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<u>(25 NOV 42 Enroute from Tafaroui) (contd)</u>			
0845	Pulled out of Biv		J
0830	Halted to gas up. Just short of Orleansville.		J
1045	Report into radio net on 2250 kcs. Call sign: 13 AR. Be cautious of sending in clear. Route from AFFREVILLE; LAUGERIE; MEDEA; BERROUGHIA; BER RABALOU; BOUIRA; BENI-MANSOUR. We meet at BENI-MONSOUR. Wheel column moves there today. Units will be reunited there. Adv time 1 hr.	C/C B	J - F
0840	Route from AFFREVILLE changed as follows; LA-RIGERIE; MEDEA; BERROUGHIA; BIR RABALOU (refuel) BOUIRA; BENI-MANSOUR (Div)	C/C B	J - F
0830	Under changed routing. Arranging for refueling at BIR RABALOU. Serial Comdrs of Sers 1,2,3, notified by M/C msgr.	S-1	J - F
1225	Stopped for lunch at 151 mi. Stated out again at 1300 hrs.		
1510	10 min halt at 190 mi. Column now going via MEDEA		J
1700	(Ran into heavy snowstorm in mountains about 1500 hrs). Stopped by roadside and put tops on vehicles; prepared to eat and sleep in vehicles; be ready to move out at 0600 hrs. next morning. Close to MEDEA.		J
<u>26 NOV 42 (enroute to Constantine).</u>			
0944	1st Bn car out 1200 mi from original IP	1Bn 6mf	J - F
0715	Pulled out of Biv near MEDEA (somewhat later than intended) at 224.1mi.		J
0915	10 min halt (254.1 mi)		
0740	Msg that Col Robinett is urgently needed at head of column. (MALLDTT). Gasoline waiting at BIR RABALOUT for 4th Serial. RE: composition of columns.	S-1	J - F
0955	(Sail5) Vehicle of 141st Sig dropped out of column due to overheated radiator.		J
1000	MD H/T (141st) dropped out. Was crowded out into small ditch. Coming out ok.		J
1115	Gas halt at 284 mi. Ate dinner. Established first radio (CW) contact with Col Russell during this halt. (141st vehicle S-5, caught up.		J
1240	Pulled out		J
1600	Stopped at 335 mi for supper. Joined wheeled vehicle Column.		J
1820	Pulled out		J

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(MOV 26 EN ROUTE TO CONSTANTINE) 1900	Vivauced at 351 mi.		J
1810	Can't get Capt. Klous by phone because of line trouble. Must be tactical guard against raids from south and paratroops. Will you get here tomorrow.	Adv CP 1st Brit	CO 13 AR J-F
Time was moved up one hr night of Nov 26/27, 42.			

27 NOV 42 Enroute to CONSTANTINE.

0600	Moved out of biv.		J
1200	Halted for lunch. (40 min)		J
1245	Column moved out.		
0930	Head of column passed thru village of PAUL DOUMER at 0930	C O 13 AR	C G / C-B J-F
0923	Urgently need your location as of 0800 hrs. Air request communicated to General when he called 0850	Adv CP Brit 1st Army	CO 13 J - F
0910	Cleared IP 0910	1Br 6 Inf	CO 13th J - F
1400	Had minor engine trouble again. (CO B/T) halted for maintenance.		J
1420	Moved on again; caught column and had 10 min halt.		J
1600	Arrived at CONSTANTINE (500 mi even)		J
1630	Arrived CP area (Const. Airport) 509		

28 NOV 42 (Constantine Airport)

0615	Left biv area (Const. Airport)		J
0720	10 min halt		
0618	Passed IP 0616 (on schedule)	27 FABn	CO 13AR J-F
0900	C O B/T dropped out of column. (Gas Leak) caught column at 0915 where column was having 10 min halt at BCU BO HANDAN		J
0925	Entered Guelma All clear 0910	C O Ren Co	S-2 13AR J-F

ENROUTE SOUK AHRAS

1005	Approached GUELMA. Held up at cross-roads by Engr convoy. (we are now out of Mts)		J
1035	Pulled out		
1130	Halt (1hr) for gas and lunch 585 mi		J
1108	British units have passed. We are now moving on Rom/13		CO 13 J-F
1035	Our column has been halted for 10 min to allow British to pass thru. Halt, allow them to pass and wait 15 min after they clear; then inform us and proceed.	S-2/16	CO Ren/16

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(28 NOV 42 Contd)

1138	Column has halted for 1 hr to eat and gas up	CG/13	CG ROR/13
1202	Halt at your present position for refueling and noon lunch. Resume your march at 1300 hrs.	CG/13	Ron/13
1230	Column moved out (less C O's H/T being worked on by Maint. It pulled out 1245 hrs.)		J
1146	We are proceeding to Biv, following British 15mph (C O H/T caught column.)		J
1500	Head of column reached Biv area (620.5mi) Just past (LAVERDURE) near SOUK AHRAS		J
1541	Closed in Biv 1500 hrs	Ron/13	S-2 13 J-F

29 NOV 42 (Biv at SOUK AHRAS TO SOUK EL ARBA)

Air activity over Biv area night of 28/29 NOV.

1340	Vehicles lined up to leave Biv area. (At 620.9 mi) leading vehicles to go at 15 mph.		J
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1342 Head of column moves out.

1430	Halted by column congestions at 624.5 mi on winding Mountain pass. At 1453 hrs Lt Green radioed that he had rec'd VO from Gen Abbinett to move on. Requested that order be confirmed, as 6 Inf was by-passing us, and road was congested for some distance ahead. Word radioed to Lt. Green not to move yet.		J
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1535	6 Inf Col has passed us.		J
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1732	Word comes in from Ron that head of column is moving out		
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1737	Column moved out.		J
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1745	Head of column crossed IP (Bridge)		J
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0517	Moved out 732.5 mi		J
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0600	Arrived at Biv in small woods.		J
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29 NOV 42 ENROUTE TO SOUK EL ARBA

00.b	The British want an American officer at the ammo dump to help unloading of ammo in SOUK EL ARBA. One of your officers can do this as we have none available. Sign duplicate for msg to return. Request you take care of this matter	Gen Abbinett C O 13AR	106th CA (AA)
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1250	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March on MEDJEZ EL BAB via BEJA 2. Leading veh of each March unit may use lights GG C/C B 3. British petrol tins must be saved and returned 4. Hvy vehs will hold down speed in order to save road wear. 		C O 13 AR
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29 NOV 42 (ENROUTE TO SOUK EL ARBA CONTD)

1710	(1) This guide will lead you in to TODD's old bivouac. Best available cover and away from town, RR and airport targets for enemy air the last few days. (2) Todd's losses 3 killed and 2 wounded. (3) Moving to join fwd CP	S-1 C/C B Maj Cook	CG 13 AR
1735	Arrived at 1645 hrs. Information is desired as to whether C/C B rear Ech is to be added to trains Will send for the sixth at GUEIMA. 1727.	C/Trains RR Ech Trains	CG C/CB
1800	Elements of C/C B now at rear will advance only (repeat Only) when directed	CG/13th	CG/Trains
1915	British request officer familiar with American Ammo report to Dump at SOUK EL ARBA to identify American ammo being unloaded.	RR Ech Trains	CG C/C B
2030	Left Biv		
2220	Pulled into Biv by farm house		J

1 DEC 42 MEDJEZ EL BAB BIVOUAC

1217	Activity started at about 1245 hrs. Tanks rptd advancing. TO GEN ROBINETT. Alert Co. C, 701st TD at once to 78 Div. Stand by for possible move to vic of TE BOURNA where Blade is engaged in tank battle 1200	CG, C/C B	
1332	Alert a Btry. Open Command and F.C. Net	Col Wrook- loof	27 FA Bn
1343	Alert all batteries to move stripped. Send Btry R.C. to us at once.	Col "	27 FA Bn
1400	CP attacked by ME 109's (very brief)		
1400	Report of 30 German Med Tanks definitely confirmed. Move your entire Bn at once to meet them. One btry has been ordered to dis place to support you.	C/C B CB	1 Bn 13 AR
1405	Alert Bn - Ron Flt rpt to CP for move against German Medium break through.	CG C/C B	1 Bn 13AR
1408	Request air support in area MEDJEZ EL BAB - TE BOURNA. Our tanks being dive-bombed.	Col Williams	CG 78 Div
1430	Lt Pool reported that one of the Hq 13 AR tanks was hit by enemy planes's dive bombing. Two of the men wounded; Med Aid requested for them.		
1455	VERBAL: It has been rptd that tanks have withdrawn.		
1500	Lt Green reported to cp that the 2 men wounded by dive-bombing are receiving medical treatment.		
1503	Maj Gen Oliver arrived at CP and was given resume of facts by Brig Gen Robinett.		

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1 DEC 420 MEDJEZ EL BAB CONTD			
1414	1 Bn 13 AR moved out andis on the way	CO 1Bn 13 AR	CO 13 AR
1500	No acknowledgment received for O1886 dated 30 Ask immediately. All informed	78 Div	CG C/C B
1410	FROM S-2 JOURNAL: Btry A observer reports British officer telling him 15 to 20 MK III and MK IV German tanks at (725555) with drew to (720585). No time given. Btry observer at (700500).	175 FA	CG C/C B
1444	German tanks rptd to have withdrawn to 720585 at 1410 hrs.	Ex O. C/C B	78 Div S-2
1545	Unit comdr's meeting at CP. Maj Philipsborn gave a summary of the enemy situation, as to BIZERTA, TUNIS, GIDIDIS (?). The enemy has established 2 armored defense depots before and behind TUNIS. Col Russell gave a resume of events that have occurred here around CP. Col Todd came to CP about 1550. Col Cairns rptd that the progress of the battle has been postponed temporarily due to today's events locally. (Bn Co is operating N of the River (Mejez - Sippi Road) for about 5 mi). Orders given to rest men, canteen Maint and be prepared to move out at moment's notice.		
1525	11th Brig Being attacked by 40 tanks and Inf from N and W. Can you help. Advise when your attack is launched.	78 Div	CG C/C B
1600	Request urgent present location of Broca going to help 11th Brig.	78 Div	CG C/C B
1645	Request action against 24 German tanks harbouring in farm at (745575) immediate.	78 Div	CG C/C B
1756	HFD states whereabouts of BRUSS' boys unknown.	78 Div	CG C/C B
1846	Request situation rpt.	78 Div	CG C/C B
1915	1 Bn 13AR, supported by Btry 105's at 1730. 2nd Bn 6 Inf moving N from MEDJEZ EL BAB to cover tanks 1900 no information of enemy from 1 Bn. Will keep you informed. Operations report. Will be submitted at 2200 hrs unless otherwise directed.	CG C/C B	78 Div
1838	21 enemy tanks reported 1 mi south of TBOURBA on MEDJEZ EL BAB - TBOURBA road. Bruss has joined up with 17 - 21st Lancers	78 Div	CG C/C B
2040	Col Bruss & Col Watters now at CP. Col Bruss has put his tanks in Biv ne r CP.		

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<u>1 DEC 42 MEDJEZ EL BAB CONTD</u>			
2050	Rpt your situation at once	CG C/C B	All Units C/C B
2140	Nothing to report. Proceeding on mission.	2 Bn 6 Inf	CG C/C B
2145	Situation all quiet	1 Bn 6 Inf	CG C/C B
2130	Stukas and ME 109's attack at 0730 each morning on DEJEDEIDA - ST CYPRIEN - MEDJEZ EL BAB area. Enemy reported moving SW between TUNIS & MEDJEZ EL BAB. Our force moving N & W of MEDJERDA River to engage enemy tanks around TEBOURBA. American medium tanks and British inf in vic of TEBOURBA. Friendly forces S & E of MEDJERDA River are light Hon Armed Units. Probably all troops NE at line AIN REHLEL to MASSICAULT are enemy. Request P-38 attack at 0730 hrs in 3 waves at 15 min intervals on road between MEDJEZ EL BAB - MASSICAULT - TUNIS. If enemy is in force. If not there, assist U.S. tanks N & W of MEDJERDA River, attacking toward DJEJEIDA. All attacking planes should have high cover. (Sgt FULMER (Capt. A.C.)	CG C/C B	Col Olds AC J - F
2210	Situation unchanged	CO 27 FA Bn	CG C/C B
2215	Col Bruce returned to his area. Plans to meet Col Bruss at Col Todd's CP.		
1825	24 German tanks rptd harboring at 685660 at 1410 unconfirmed. 24 German tanks, probably same rptd at 745575 at 1645, confirmed by Air Op, 78 Div. No contact with 2 Bn 13AR, last rpt E of TEBOURBA. Investigate enemy harbor and endeavor to contact 2 Bn 13AR 2 Bn 6 Inf moving to cover your harbor tonight. Report present situation your area.	Col Cairns S-3	CO 1 Bn 13AR Capt Carr
2325	ENEMY: About 40 enemy tanks and Inf attacked 11th Inf Brig held by and Blade Force during day. Enemy tanks now in harbor J-8562 - J8761 - J 7456. 20 to 30 Infantry men rptd SE of TEBOURBA. Nature situation unchanged. OUR TROOPS: Blade Force, 11th Inf Brig concentrated at TEBOURBA; Hq 1 Bn, 1AR - J 7050; Hq 1 Bn 13th AR ara J 6242; 1st Para Bn J 6664 - J 5562. 36 Brig. No change.		Posted on Capt. Klous Situation map
2100	Periodic rpt submitted @ 2-3.		

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2 DEC 42	MEDJEZ EL BAB		
0136	Co C 701 TD attached to you for operation this AM. Co C will report to you for instructions at RJ J 6981 without delay.	Col Cairns	2 Bn 6 Inf
0950	Move 1 Co at once to relieve Ron Co 15 AR now operating East of ST DE BDJ TOUR. Hold high ground 102450. Minimum road distance 400 yds. Remainder Bn will move tonight after dark and bivouac vicinity road (SE) CHAOUACH	Maj Long	1 Bn 6 Inf
	To CG C/C B: Hq this Hq H is 0984 dated 1 Dec 42 this system has been postponed owing to technical hitch. Calls for fighter SF will therefore will be made through his HQ.		
0907	Report your situation without delay	C/C B	2 Bn 13 AR 1 Bn 13 AR 1 Bn 1 AR 6 Inf 2 Bn
1020	One Btry arty ordered to move to J 7656 Maj Took Co B going to make break		C/C B
1145	Two masses enemy one mass 5th TP CHONIGA other Nth West same	"	" voice
1100	Just received msg re enemy arty in CHOUIGUI Bombers are being sent immediately. In future send a map ref point and also a bomb line which is the line below which you do not want any bombs to fall	Lt. Cannon	
1107	request strafing enemy armd in CHOUIGUI area. Any armd air action within mile radius is safe. Main concentration on TEBOURBA road		
1115	Capt Krous is at Div HQ as far as we know since last night Gen R is moving to vicinity TEBOURBA to clarify situation	Russell	Lt Cannon
0650	17 US Armored Regt approx strength 25 med tanks and 22 vchs coming under command 1st Army on arrival Constantine will be moved fwd to SOUK EL ARBA. Wheels by rd tanks by train where they will come under your command. Leading elements expected CONSTANTINE 5 Dec.		CG/C/B
0656	At 930 no enemy contacted yet. British report general southward movement of enemy Ron. Patr ols in hvy armd cars observed at 7714 and 806 at 0922 hrs.	Ron/13	S-2-13th
0928	Is road J 53 J 75 open now for supply vehicles Request situation report as soon as possible	78 Div	CG C/C B CG C/C B
1050	Ask your msg 0650 2 Dec re tanks	Russell	78 Div
1150	Further order C O which relieves Ron 13th to push NE along high ground E of river to clean enemy pt to TEBOURBA. Btry 27 is going into position at J7247 to support	"	1 Bn 6 Inf

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<u>2 DEC 42</u>	<u>MEDJEZ EL BAB</u>		
	Gen Robinett, and adv CP, moved out at 1150 on order of Maj Gen Oliver		
1200	Enemy MG and rifles still in area J 7052. 2 Bn 6 Inf in position high ground J 7055. 1 Bn 1 AR assembled on left flank. 2 Bn 13 AR lost 6 hrs TEBOURBA area this AM, how not known. No contact now. Adv CP moving to J 7055 area. No further information as available	CG C/C B	78 Div
1250	Nothing to report now message follows shortly. Dispatch rider now on way with my report	Air Request	C/C B
1250	I am in the dark as to what is expected of us. We are in a static position. We are without information as to the general situation.	2 Bn 13 AR (Maj Gardiner)	C/C B
0814	No ack to 0892 of 1st Dec. Ack immediately	J-F	
1347	Request air support against 16 Mark IV tanks at 7660 on SW side of hill at 1400 hrs.	1 Bn 13 AR	C/C B
1300	Is road Medjez-el-Bab Tebourba open now for supply vehicle.	78 Div	C/C B
1421	Medjez-el-Bab road definitely open as far north as J 7050.	C/C B	78 Div
1437	Situation Report 78/144	28 Div	C/C B
1510	Acknowledge message of 1150	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1435	Is road from Medjez-el-Bab open.	2 Bn 13AR	C/C B
1442	The road from Medjez-el-Bab is open for armored vehicles.	C/C B	2 Bn 13AR
1425	Have attacked enemy armored column N/W of Tebourba. Unable to make break thru. Losses heavy on both sides. Am consolidating with Col. Todd for further action.	2 Bn 13AR	C/C B
1300	2nd Bn 6th Inf bombed by Dorniers and Stukas killing 4 men and wounding 4 men.		
1534	Your machine gun platoon sent to rejoin at 1430.	C/C B	2nd Bn 6th
1507	Report location strength and enemy situation in your front.	C/C B	2nd Bn 13th
1700	McGinness reports 23 enemy tanks 1 1/2 miles west of Tebourba.	C/C B	2nd Bn 13th 1st Bn 13th 1st Bn 1st

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2 DEC 42 MEDJEZEL BAB			
1440	Co C 6th Inf, Arty C 27th FA will be operating against enemy in draw at 745523 at about 1800 hrs.	C/C B	2nd Bn 6 Inf
1445	Have attack order for 230 Pm. Gen Cass has ordered attack be cancelled request verification whether attack will be cancelled or omitted.	1st Bn 13th AR	C/C B
1605	Re your message of insufficient strength on road. What road? Where are you? and in what strength?	C/C B	2nd Bn 13AR
1445	A British officer was just here and said that they don't have enough stuff on this road down here they thought to hold it properly. Can you send some thing to hold it properly.	2nd Bn 13 AR	C/C B
1550	Is situation such that 2nd Bn 6th Inf can send one Co to relieve paratroops at RJ 6763 after dark.	Russell	to Exed C/C B
1711	Regarding help to British east of Tebourba Take any action you deem advisable. British General visited CP to confer with Gen Oliver.	Russell	To Exed CCB
1645	Enemy infantry and artillery reported by British Via Pen Co. approaching from east to wards Soborba coordinates 757. Asks can you help.	Advance CP	D/C B
1630	Position 7556 have 9 operative tanks but ammunition almost gone. Gasoline low.	2nd Bn 13th	C/C B
1745	Liaison Officer from 6th Inf sent towards Sobarba.	Oral message from Col Russell.	
1805	Transmit to CO 1st Bn 6th Inf sent towards have passed through Ron line and were moving against the enemy position at 1720 hrs. Signed Miller.	Bn Co 16th	C/C B
1725	Straffed by 3 ME 110s <i>144/121</i>	Adv CP	C/C B
1750	6th Inf have passed through Ron line and were moving against the enemy position at 1720 hrs. Signed Miller	1 Bn 6th	C/C B
1320	Bruss left to contact you at 0300 with orders. Gen R. has moved forward to coordinate action this P. M. 2nd Bn 6th Inf is on high ground at J 7055. 1st Bn 1st AR should be on above flank. C Co 6th Inf supported by Arty is moving NE of river.	C/C B	2nd Bn 13AR
1650	Request Aerial observation of enemy tank bivouac just at dark. Exact location must be reported.	Adv CP	C/C B
2155	Submit operation report as soon as possible.	C/C B	2nd Bn 6th.

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<u>2 DEC 42 MEDJEZ EL BAB</u>			
2300	Movement ordered has been completed.	1st Bn 6th	C/C B
2359	Lt Pool ordered to escort 30 truck convoy from Medjez-El-Bab.	Col. Russell	verbal.
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0020	Report to CP at 0830 hrs this date	C/C B	1st Bn 6th
0022	Report to rear CP when your move is completed. Send liaison officer to rear CP for new area.	C/C B	1st Bn 1 AR
0330	This has moved out.		
0220	Traffic heavy to from request regulation from Medjez-El-Bab to permit Todd to cross.	1 Bn 13AR	C/C B
0442	Location Lancaster Fusiliers RJ 5560	78 Div.	C/C B
1000	Col waters given verbal orders to furnish 8 tanks daily to 56 Ron Regt. Tanks and crews not on duty will undergo rehabilitation and maintenance. Col. Waters was ordered to move starting at 1800 hrs.		
0905	Have two badly wounded German prisoners. Advise what to do with them. Am now engaged with paratroops.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1042	Evacuate German wounded thru regular channels.	C/C B	1 Bn 6 Inf
0852	Disposition made as ordered. Quiet night. Small amount enemy tanks action North Tebourba being attacked by Infantry Tanks and Artillery. What information situation across river.	Advance CP	C/C B
1120	C Co 6th Inf attacked enemy vicinity J 7452 at dawn supported by Btry C. Five wounded prisoners taken. Progress not known.	C/C B	Advance CP
1125	Situation report.	78 Div	C/C B
1201	C Co 6th Inf forced to withdraw under heavy MG fire while Arty Btry moved forward.	Intercept.	
1230	Do we have any Infantry in the vicinity of CHOUIGI Answer immediately.	Russell	C/C B
1302	Have we any Infantry vicinity CHOUIGI. Answer immediately.	Russell	ADV CP
1310	Lt Smith of this Hq is located 2 miles east of your position on main road with brass trains. Have him report to this Hq at once.	Russell	C.O. Trains.
1325	Your message 1302 Answer is negative	Adv CP	C/C B
1506	No infantry in vicinity of CHOUIGI.	C/C B	78 Div.
1443	Reported from Adv CP by Gen that 3 Mark IV tanks destroyed during night by grenade and gasoline. 16 Eng get ing 2 and 2nd Bn 1.	Oral C.G.	

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3 DEC 42	MEDJEZ EL BAB		
154	Btry A location 6952 J supporting attack on paratroopers at J 7555 instead of Btry C.	Oral to Col. Russell from Co 27th FA	
1559	Location 1st Bn 13th is 694401	C/C B	Adv CP
1540	Request information situation South of Tebourba	Adv CP	C/C B
1616	Co C 6th was forced to retire from enemy 740520 at 1100 to high ground 720808-750-500 while C Btry 27 was placed forward. C Co has since resumed the advance but present situation unknown.	C/C B	Adv CP
	Two officers and 40 men of E Co 6th Inf armed with rifles, tommy guns and grenades, will make a raid in the vicinity of Tebourba to try to ascertain the location of enemy tanks.	Information from Liaison Officer	
1421	Lt Smith not with Bruss trains located near here. Reported to be with Capt Batts at Qued TOAGA.	Trains	C/C B
1730	We have them on the run. Went to push them home tonight. Col. Kerns	From 2nd Bn 6th Thru 27th FA	
1735	enemy at J 7352 on run Details as available	C/C B	78 Div.
1733	Enemy at J 7352 on run details as available. Have General report to CP at once.	C/C B	Adv CP
1855	At 1400 C Co 6th Inf destroyed German armed car J 7552. Enemy forces in that area now dispersed. Enemy casualties in that area: 12 killed, own casualties 4 wounded.	C/C B	CG 78 Div
1840	Extract of Msg from C Btry - Enemy lines Sheet 19, 71829 - 73822.	27th FA	C/C B
1940	Report to CP without delay.	C/C B	Co 1 Bn 13AR
1940	Report to CP without delay.	C/C B	Co 1 Bn 6Inf
1955	Have 3rd Platoon Ron Co return to company at J 5734.	C/C B	Col. Robinett
2030	Closed in assigned Bivouac	1 Bn 1AR	C/C B
2136	2 Bn 6th Inf patrol contacted Co C 1st Bn 6 Inf 1700 hrs. Identification only.	2nd Bn 6Inf	Adv CP
2147	Report to CP at once	C/C B	1 Bn 1AR
2222	Request bomber support on Btry 155s at J854-495. Bomb line 2 mile radius at 07000 4 Dec.	C/C B	78 Div.
	Lt. Cannon brought word to be on alert for parachute attack against Medjez el Bab.		

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4 DEC 42	MEDJEZ EL BAB		
0600	Mills arrived	C/C B	Adv CP
0845	British CG 78th Div visited CP and discussed situation with Gen Oliver. 1 Bn of 11th Bde reported to be mostly wiped out.		
0900	Operations carried out as planned. Nothing to report. Request information of situation on east side of Qued MEDJEDA.	CO 13AR	C/C B
0902	Objective taken. Am consolidating. Am receiving mortar fire.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
0940	Give Disposition as soon as possible	C/C B	1Bn 6 Inf
0945	Kern reports objective taken. His disposition.	C/C B	Gen Robinett
1049	Attacked by 9 Bombers. 1 reported shot down in vicinity 6952.	CO 13 AR	C/C B
1030	Part only of guns moved last night unauthorized. I have just located same. Am reoccupying positions.	CO C Co 701st	C/C B
1111	Am occupying all high ground in assigned with my unit less 1 Co.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
	A Btry lost 1 gun and 1 amm carrier in Bombing of 1049. 2 guns damaged.	Verbal Col	Wrookloff, 27FA
1200	Report to CP as soon as possible	C/C B	Co 1Bn 6 Inf
1205	Btry A 27th FA Bomed at 1000 hrs vicinity J 7050 Lossess 1 gun 1 amm carrier. Personnel light.	C/C B	78th Div
1215	Request that you report to this HQ at 1400 hrs.	C/C B	175 FA and 5th FA
1205	Verify report of 32 German tanks NW of TEBOURBA along CHOUGI Road. Are these real or dummy tanks answer soon as possible.	78 Div	C/C B
1323	Same message as above	C/C B	Gen Robinett
1356	Request air cover for necessary move on Road J-7254 - J-6951 from 1500 to 1600.	C/C B	78 Div.
1215	You may move up balance 1st Bn 6 Inf to are SW Tebourba. Their place will be taken by 6 Commando tonight. Suggest you place 2nd Bn 3AR and Coy TD in are a 6544. Dispositions of 2nd Bn 6 Inf should be as now and do not extend left flank further northward owing to weakness 11 Inf Bn.	C/C B	78 Div.
1245	Please ensure all Inf localities are protected by A/B mines and are fully prepared for tank attack.	78 Div	C/C B

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4 Dec 42	<u>WEDJUZ EL BAB.</u>		
1430	Reported by CO 27th FA one Junker 88 was shot down on the attack on A Btry.	Oral report.	
1340	Our Rtn reports all clear 1230 AM. Proceeding according to mission.	1 Bn 13 AR	C/C B
1440	Re Mess re 1356 All clear, where?	C/C B	1 Bn 13 AR
1445	Re last message - FURIA.	1 Bn 13AR	C/C B
1620	Bomber attack has been requested on tank headquarters J 7457 -- More info on this later.	Capt Klous	C/C B
1530	Request air support against bombing Attack.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1525	Germans at present observed laying mine field at 740558. Our SP 75 knocked out one tank and Btry A 27 FA two tanks at 738566 at 0945 hrs. Germans apparently using old tanks as M.G. pill boxes in vicinity of 760565. If there is no objection another tank patrol will be sent out tonight. All quiet since bombing at 1000hrs. No losses of vehicles or personnel from bombing.	2 Bn 6 Inf (Col Cairns brought information).	C/C B
	Air attack Send planes at once 21 Planes.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1534	Attack did not come off. 7 enemy planes passed us.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1555	Request air support against eminent bombing over 7350.	C/C B	78 Div
1610	300 enemy laying mine fields at J 740558. Three enemy tanks knocked out J-738566 otherwise quiet since bombing 1000.	C/C B	78 Div
1626	Information that 32 German tanks and that they are real confirmed by fwd observer 1612.hrs.	Adv CP	C/C B
1635	Re message 1205. Tanks are real.	C/C B	Adv CP
1640	In reply to 1555 Trying to direct fighters on to target 1625.	78th Div	C/C B
1650	Have Brass, Redding, McGuiness, Blake at your CP 1800 hrs.	C/C B	Gen Robinett
1632	7 German bombers overhead.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1714	Co C 701st TD is attached to you. Have guide at RJ J 3747 at 01000 5 Dec. Ack.	C/C B	1 Bn 13 AR
1730	Has Kern arrived there. Am awaiting instructions.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1737	Am I to pull out of this position Kern.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1755	Sit tight. Kern returning	C/C B	1 Bn 6 Inf.

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<u>4 DEC 42 MEDJEZ EL BAB</u>			
1950	Capt Klous ordered to bring unit form 68th Div Bn to Cp at once (verbal)	C/C B	78 Div via Capt Wolf Brit L. O.
1935	Sitmit operations report for last 24 hrs and overlay of dispositions as of 2100	C/C B	All Units.
2030	Gen of 78th Div visited CP to confer with Gen Oliver on the situation and future plans.		
2125	Request you advise 1st Bn 13 AR to revise arrangement for guide to meet Co C 701st TD Bn by order Gen Robinett. Guide is to meet Col at 0100 instead of 2200.	701 TD Co C	C/C B
2200	Already arranged. Guide will meet you at 0100.	C/C B	Co C 701st TD
2103	Operations for last 24 hrs SOP. Company at Qued Zarga.	Ser Co 13 AR	C/C B
2140	Oper Report. Normal recovery operations on nite 3/4. 1. Pl evacuated from combat zone. present position in Medjez El Bab.	Maint Co	C/O B
<u>5 DEC 42 MEDJEZ EL BAB</u>			
0808	Bombers attacked our position at 0700 No casualties. 0800 2 German Bnc circled our position very low.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
0835	Same message as above.	C/C B	78 Div
0850	Enemy planes bombed our area 0830 stop No immediate damage in our area.	Ser Co	C/C B
0937	Enemy planes bombed Ser Co 13th AR at 583343 at 0850 No damage.	C/C B	78 Div
2205	Dec 4. Bang system of calling for fighter support against enemy bombers will come into effect from 0730 hrs 5 Dec. Codeword BANG followed by location should be sent on tentacle whereupon fighters take off from Medjez. Formations are again reminded of necessity of keeping tentacle officera t advance HQ.	78 Div	C/C B
0957	Above message to all units.	C/C B	All units.
1030	Med Det 13th AR now located at J6243. Co B 47th Med at J 5939. Maint Co 13th AR at Medjez el Bab. Co C Maint Bn at Qued Zarga.	C/C B	All units
1035	U. S. M-4 tanks now in area.	C/C B	All units

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5 DEC 42	MEJEX EL BAB		
1028	Request fighters be sent to drive away planes observing for enemy artillery NE 109 planes at 75.	Intercept from	1st Bn 6th Inf.
1140	Correction location of bombing in message of 0987 Oued Zarga instead of 585345.	C/G B	78th Div.
1220	Verbal msg from arty requesting air observation.	Verbal from	27th F.A.
1250	Att. Blous- request air observation to locate enemy arty btry in vicinity J 8052 and surrounding area.	C/G B	Bankbook.
1245	Lt Francis coordinating matters company with Davidson for defense of air drome at Medjex el Bab.	78th Div	C/G B
1310	Same as above - sent to 1st Bn 1 AR.		
1350	Liaison officer to pick up 5 british trucks with 80 tank replacements 2 kilometers west of Beja at 1800 additional.	Oral from Gen. Robinett.	
1355	Reference your 1250 message. No artillery reported seen in area SE Tebourba to Mater. Dje-Daida to Tebourba stop Tebourba to Matjex el Bab.	Air Support	C/G B
1304	It must be understood that Bankbook is called only for reporting enemy aircraft it is actually an air warning system not an air support request net. At present our planes are forbidden to attack ground targets owing to recog. difficulties.	C/G B	All Units
1525	Verbal orders of Gen Oliver direct to Col. Matters to withdraw Co C 1st AR from defense of Medjex el Bab airdrome at 1800 today.		
1805	Attention Klous - enemy observation over 705527. Alert planes probably prelude to bomb attack.		
1801	Bang procedure to be used against attack by bombers only not ME109s or FW 190s.		
	Same message as above from 76th Div.		
1517	No activity on our front except arty firing by MK IV tanks in Hull down position. These tanks will be under fire by our 75 SP guns this afternoon. About 1510 a Spitfire crashed and burned at 715555. Our tank patrols observed no tanks on Tebourba - Chougl Road as they ran into heavy MG fire at 744578. This position has been shelled by British Arty today. Another patrol is going out tonight.	From 2 Bn 6th.	
1837	7 Bombed in action over 7550.	Intercept from	1/6 & Bankbook.

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1655	Regarding conversation with S5 this PM request wrecker report without delay. Guide will flag him down along main road.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1755	Wrecker will arrive about 1930.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
1714	Co now located at 4255 on sheet 5 1/200, QCO GS G5 4227.	Ser Co	C/C B
1736	Our disposition is the same as shown on overlay of 2100-4 Dec. Situation remains the same to our front. Practically no enemy movements to our front. Dive bombing of our area at 0750 No damage. Artly fire (moderate) at 1030 hrs, no damage. No enemy tanks seen today.		
1725	Plane shot down at 715555 is completely destroyed by fire. Spitfire located by our Maint unit at app 680400 is undamaged except for bent prop. Our Maint unit can furnish guides.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1840	Mark IV Tanks in this vicinity are being manned by Italians and the German armor units are moving West of Tunis. Our mission tomorrow 6 Dec is to expect enemy activity on the East side of the river.	Oral from Brit. General.	
1842	Report to CP at once.	C/C B	1 and 2 Bn 15th AR
1905	2 Btrys from 106 CA (AA) are attached to C/C B at this time.	Oral	
1841	Report to CP at once.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C
2200	56 Recce requests tanks be sent to J 6020 for operation tomorrow. Further requests that tanks bic with him at night in order to save gas for actual operations. This is a good point however it will not allow you to stagger your. Suggest you send gas along each night to start tanks full each AM and to provide enough to reach bivouac each night you choose. In any event tanks must start on Recce with full tanks. C.O. 56th wants off W/sect tonite report to J 5819.	C/C B	1 Bn 1st AR
2200	2nd Bn 15th moves to area east of bridge tonite. Btry 106 CA (AA) moves to furnish AA protection to 1st and 2nd Bn 15th AR area. Ren Co moves to vicinity Mehalla tonite w/piat on line DJEBEL Manrine Furna.	Oral Cairns	
6 Dec 42	MEDJEL EL BAB		
0245	Bridge J0224 class 24. Inform all concerned.	78 Div	C C B

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0755	Being direct bombed. Armd vehicles approaching Hobans right flank.	1 Bn 6th	C/C B
0818	Dive bombed again. Don't know results.	1 Bn 6th	C/C B
0809	Reference patrols last night to 76.5 - 50.5 and 77.5 - 47.5 negative. Dive bombers missed us but you better check with Rocky.	1 Bn 6th	C/C B
0289	Request artillery liaison immediately to Hoban for fire missions tonight. Am receiving MG fire from Hoban left front.	1 Bn 6th	C/C B
0845	Out of contact with Hoban at present. Miller reports nothing in front of him. Hope to get more details type and no of armd vehicles as soon as contact with Hoban is made.		
	9 Tanks reported 7529 by air. Nationality unknown. Check to see if your tanks are in area.	78th Div.	C/C B
0855	Hoban being attacked by MG, mortars and rifle men from both flanks. Some vehicles lined up in El Bathan Don't know what they are 0848.	1 Bn 6th	C/C B
0910	Request air observation over area SE Tebourba to Massignan, St. Gaphan, Djedda.	C/C B	Bankbook
0922	Co A 6th Inf being attacked by Inf mortars and MGs from both flanks. Alert your Bn.	C/C B	2 Bn 15 AR
0909	Enemy slipping around Hobans flanks could use a few of Tod's vehicles.	1 Bn 6th	C/C B
0917	Artillery observer not with Hoban. Request one be sent immediately. Check to see that Capt of Mayor of Kilkee is in position to work for me. Two armored cars approaching Hobans right flank.	1 Bn 6th	C/C B
	Infantry support needed on right flank. Enemy patrols moving in toward our position. Our infantry has called for support.	Exec 27	Co 27th FA
0850	Stand by for action on Kerns right.	C/C B	1st Bn 15 AR
0940	Kerns being attacked by Inf mortars and tanks. Alert arty observer for fire on possible targets on Kerns north flank. No ify British arty.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
0640	No tank destroyer companies available.	78th Div	C/C B
0925	Hobans left enveloped with MG mortars and what is believed to be 20mm guns. Seven tanks approaching Millers right flank.	1 Bn 6th	C/C B

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6 DEC 42 MEDVEZ EL B.B			
0955	Enemy tanks coming over hill to our position 2 miles away.	Bankbook	C/C B
1009	Request air support over area SW Tebourba east of river 7654 to 7244. Re message of 0955 give coordinates of tank action.	C/C B	Bankbook
0955	Move your Bn to attack tanks approaching from east reported at 7647 at 0944.	C/C B	2 Bn 13 AR
0955	Those tanks are NE of our positions.	Bankbook	C/C B
0955	C Btry positions attacked by enemy tanks		
1000	Request bombing at column approaching Turna J 7042 from NE immediately.	C/C B	Bankbook
1005	Send Redding to attack tanks reported 7647 at 0944.	C/C B	1 Bn 13 AR
1004	Disregard previous mission. Move east of ridge vicinity 7544.	C/C B	2 Bn 13 AR
1007	Enemy tanks followed by inf attacking C Btry.	C/C B	All Units.
	Enemy tanks followed by inf attacking C Btry.	Bankbook	C/C B
1015	Enemy tanks fighting vici 75-46. Request Tank Dest and mediums. Believed to be Mark V-M4s	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1050	Fighter sweep loc. 1045	78 Div.	C/C B
1055	Send 105 ammunition to Rocky at once - guide will meet.	C/C B	C.C. Trains
1117	Move Co E across river prepared to counter-attack in support of Kerne.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf.
1115	Has Redding moved.	C/C B	1 Bn 13 AR.
1015	One slightly damaged crusader tank salvaged and is now in position at 717545 with 6 pounder and 30 cal guns manned by crew. Tank could probably be repaired mechanically in a short time. There appears to be no other equipment out front worth salvaging.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1102	Tanks in recent action now moving North east toward high ground, southwest of Toudmura estimated 30 tanks with screen of 37mm SP supported by heavy arty.	1 Bn 13 AR	C/C B
1152	Prepare to support Brusn's attack move at once toward Kern position.	C, C B	1 Bn 13 AR
1145	C Btry 27th FA over run.		Oral from Co 27th FA
1150	Am moving assigned position.	1 Bn 13 AR	C/C B
1155	3 German tanks knocked out.		Oral from 27th F.O.

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1200	Alert your Bn for possible move across river.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf.
1207	Re message 1132 Impossible to give coordinates at present.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
0920	78 Div no located at farm J 3737	78th Div	C/C B
1232	Tanks are withdrawing	Oral - CO	27th FA
1238	Withdraw Bn and move across river on foot to line 7355 - 7251 prepared to counterattack on order to restore Kern position. Leave vehicles in present positions. Engage opportune targets	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf.
1100	Operation report.	78 Div.	C/C B
1245	Message of 1228 was given orally to Liaison Officer 2 Bn 6 Inf.		
1240	Let me have situation reference Bruss.	C/C B	1 Bn 6 Inf.
1320	12 Enemy tanks trapped in draw at 790495	C/C B	2 Bn 15 AR and 1st Bn 78 Div.
1327	Request A Btry 175 be placed in direct support of C/C B.	C/C B	
1330	Request tank destroyers be not yet available	78 Div.	C/C B
1358	Push Ron. toward Massicault.	C/C B	1 Bn 1 AR
1410	Request air cover over area J 7550 immediately.	C/C B	Bankbrook.
1417	Have Eng Fla now under your command move to bridge at J 6845 and secure it without delay.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf.
1250	Rpt: Hq 2 Bn 6 Inf now on left SA&SH is moving over towards VCH. You will therefore take over from Hq 2 Bn 6 Inf on left of SA & SH. Ack.	78 Div	11 Inf Bde Rptd C/C B
1449	Eleven of 12 enemy tanks trapped got away. Got close quarters were badly battered.	Oral	
1450	Co E now just behind left of line designated by you. Rest of Bn moving over 1450.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1510	Report location and situation cancelled- answered by their 145d.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
1150	Request azimuth of attack from my right flank for Co E.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
	Request coordinated for possible arty fire on Kearns north flank.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1417	Have Engr plan now under your command. Move to bridge at J 6845 and secure without delay.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
1555	To confirm orders be prepared to counter attack from new position on orders from Gen Oliver	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
	8 Stukas bombed 8 mo bridge and TEBOURBA	Oral 27 FA	C/C B

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1600 Now facing a position in front of Kerns. 2 Bn 13 AR C/C B
 Have lost 5 being held up by 88's that can't
 be spotted from tank.

Todd told to return to area held this
 afternoon. Oral Col
 Cairns.

Col Kerns described tank battle between Bruss
 and enemy, stating that Bruss lost 5. Germans
 attack tank followed by inf run down inf with
 H/Ts.

2115 Request continues ari Ren over following area: C C B 78 Div
 RJ J6551 to TEBOURBA - DEJEIDA - T. CYPRIN
 South to PON DU FAHS, Goubellat and North over
 MEDJEZ EL BAB and mountain north to RJ J6551.
 Information at troop movements in this area
 should be sent here immediately. Also request
 that fighter protection for area south of TE-
 BOURBA as far as J 7538 to prevent enemy strafing
 and dive bombing, continuous patrol necessary during
 daylight hours.

2150 If at all possible leave tanks assigned for ren C/C B 1 Bn 1 AR
 with Br for 5 or 4 day period instead of changing
 detail daily.

~~2228 Pick up 1000 mines for mining between your C/C B 1 Bn 6 Inf
 combat groups. Report location as soon as laid.~~

2355 1520 mines were to be delivered to bridge for Lt. Calvorcarresse
 use by 6 Inf in mining their positions tonight.
 Have they arrived? If not report immediately that
 fact to this HQ. 1 Bn 6 Inf will pick them up
 tonight.

~~These mines have not arrived nor has the inf Lt. Calvorcarresse
 called for any at this point.~~

2208 Sent detail with mines to rept to Col Davidson C/C B B/16 Engr
 at dump as previously arranged with delay.

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0025 Btry A not released and 6 pounders not going in 78 Div Lt. Col Cairns

0027 Three decimal point seven howitzers not available 78 Div C/C B
 for tomorrow. However they will be returned as
 soon as possible

0230 All companies have contacted and are moving to 2 Bn 6 Inf C/C B
 new positions.

0110 Mines coming up but will probably not reach 78 Div C/C B
 you tonight.

0450 We are on way to you. Shall we come on 106 CA C/C B

0458 March till eight then bivouac C/C B 106CA

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0655	Request situation report and latest disposition.	78 Div	C/C B
0830	Request air protection J 6950 immediately	C/C B	78 Div
0845	Mines have not arrived	C/C B	1 Bn 6 Inf
0910	Lt Pool to move HQ Plt (L tks) up W of MED- JEZ EL BAB road in vicinity of 6950 for run to stay until sent for, taking one peep and one cycle.	Oral Russell	Lt. Pool
0915	Lt Wear of Co G 67 Ar, 2 Armd Div reports 8 tanks (Med) One in hill for maint - 1 2 1/2 ton trk - 1 maint H/t - 5 jeeps. 7 tanks placed in dispersion N & S of river on MEDJEZ EL BAB rd.	Lt. Wear (oral)	Col Russell
0921	Move Bn to vicinity of 6845 without delay	Gen Oliver (Oral)	In O of 2 Bn 15 AR
0925	Coordinates of position - No of med tks on hand- No of (L) tks on hand- No of guns of his own on hand- No of guns in 701 TD on hand-No of 81mm mortars on hand.	C/C B	1 Bn 15 AR
0445	MEDJEZ EL BAB area heavily mined. Instruct all units keep to main roads.	78 Div.	C/C B
0945	Same as above	C/C B	All Units
0950	Warn all units low flying attack by our planes in EL BATHAN AREA THIS MORNING.	78 Div	C/C B
1005	Same as above	C/C B	All Units
0850	Obs planes overhead- support needed	Btry A 27 FA	C/C B
0820	CP now at TOUNABEIN. Advise Mr Pedigo-Brucker	106 CA	C/C B
1035	Capt Zimmerman told to rpt to CP-w/o delay. He answered that he was on way.	Verbal Cairns	Zimmerman
1007	Enemy 75 or 88mm gun fire observed falling on rd in vic FURNA location of gun undetermined. gun firing from direction of MASSICHAUT.	1 Bn 1 AR	C/ C B
1007	OP exact location of all mines laid will be rptd to this hq forthwith.	78 Div.	C/ C B
1120	Mag re tanks from 67 Armd Regt	78 Div.	C/ C B
1100	175 O.P. telephone conversation they observed w/20 power telescope 3 ships which appeared to be transports sailing into TUNIS harbor Mag was sent to 78 Div of this and radio rpt last nite confirmed 3 ships were sunk there.	Oral 27 FA Bn.	C/ C B
	37 light tanks, 5 SP assault guns, 5, 81mm mortars.	1 Bn 15AR	C/ C B

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1150	Move pltn from present position to 685485 and establish Lt Beale road block in that vicinity without delay. Use Available AT defense for block. Rpt any mines you lay. One Pltn tanks C/ C B now operating between that position and TEBOURBA. Notify this Hq when accomplished.		
1204	Situation report received.	78 Div	C/C B
1155	Our observers report we are now observing about 40 vehs to our right flank assembled in open field. There is a large orchard. They are SE of orchard. They are 2 or 3 mi from us. Not definitely identified as enemy. 2 tanks and mtcls definitely identified as enemy w/so at 8046 moving to the east. Placing arty fire on them.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1218	Map coordinate 7246- 74441 2 medium tanks, 8 75mm gun, 4 57mm guns, 57 light tank, 5 guns SP assault 5 mortar 81mm. Co C 701 3 guns 57MM, 6 guns 5 in Anti-tank.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1354	Situation report	78 Div	C/C B
	Acknowledge your message of 1000 hrs.	C/C B	78 Div
1515	Tanks were fired on 6950 by enemy arty tanks disbursed all safe.	A Btry 27 FA	C/C B
	Reason for 2 Bn C in no report from patrols of C to Patrols searching for them.	Oral in G-1	
1515	Request air Rcn over area SW TEBOURBA on E side of river S to BEDGY TUNIS rd E to MASSICAULT N to TEBOURBA. Rpt only enemy movements.	C/C B	78 Div
1600	Situation report	78 Div	C/C B
1600	Road block established and mined east along 1/2 mi front of positions of 1450	16 Engr	C/C B
1625	Request any information received from air observations immediately reference message 1515.	C/C B	78 Div
1700	Number of troops identified as 1 Bn 6 Inf Regt located 2 bn 15 AR in area 755505 these are separated flank guard their Bn.	2 bn 15 AR	C/C B
1700	Vic area 6532-6855 for occupation or order tonight liaison off report to CP at 1900 hrs.	C/C B	1 Bn 15 AR
1705	Same as above report 6087-6254	C/C B	1 Bn 1 AR
1710	" " " " 6558-6557	C/C B	2 Bn 15 AR
1750	Same as above report 6639 Oral to 27 FA 6239	C/C B	1 Bn 6 Inf
1716	Re Air Rcn Request Corps unable to fulfill these missions today.		

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1710	Ron Plt still searching for D Co balance of command in position.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1720	Prepare to move on order to vic 5128 liaison officer to CP at 1900.	C/C B	B/47 Med Bn
1750	Prepare to move vic 5652 on order tonight. Liaison officer to CP at 1900 hrs.	C/C B	Med 15th
1750	Troops identified as own infantry located in area 735505.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
1755	Just left here said to tell you nothing doing.	Lt Cannon	Gen R
1840	Report when your unit arrives in new position.	78 Div	C/C B
1900	Lighting and speed restrictions for night 7/8 Dec and until further orders on road SOUK EL ARBA - SOUK EL KHEMIS - BEJA - MEDJEZ EL BAB, except through towns, headlights on leading vehs sidelights and hublights on remaining tail vehs Tail light up to road Jct J4855 speed 12 1/2 mi per hr east of rd jct J4855 leading veh sidelights only tailights speed 8 mph staff cars and single vehicles as for leading vehs of column	78 Div	C/C B
1920	Co D this unit has been contacted by radio at 1930 and is moving to our present position tonight via the main road.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1900	Is our liaison officer this HQ?	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
2020	Div orders no move. Titus returning	C/C B	1 Bn 6 Inf
1955	My recon rptd enemy m/c w/side car and 3 men in area approx 735485. Small trk and 3 enemy approached our our position; were driven off b. fire. We were dive bombed and shelled by arty at 1700 hrs.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
2110	Ron in the area assigned completed. Negative rpt of enemy presence in area is submitted.	2 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1828	Patrols are being carried out tonight up to yesterday's position & beyond 5th N. Hamptons E of & inal road TEBOURBA - MEDJEZ EL BAB SA & S.H.W. of road. River patrols 5th N. Hamptons 6544 to 6559; 1st Surrep 6559 to 6057.	Hq 11th Inf Brig.	C/C B
	Periodic report	27 FA Bn	C/C B
1630	Bailey Bridge MEDJEZ EL BAB prepared for demolition under orders to blow from C.P.E. 78 Div only	584 FD Coy R.E.	C/C B
1900	2 enemy armd cars reptd seen at 73032.	Relayed to 1st Bn	1 AR

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0001	As of 2359 hrs 7 Dec 1942, HQ Serv Co, 15th AR at OUED ZARGA - AG - BI- D155- J170	Ser/13	C/C B
0112	Rpt parachutists may be in area 6039	Adv CP	C/C B
0605	CP closed in area 515296 at 0604 hrs	C/C B	78 Div
0600	Tanks to the E of Col McGinnis. Col Todd is over in that area, & we can not contact him by radio. Don't know whether they are some of his patrol or not.	Col McGinnis	Any off C/C B
0615	Vehicles questioned by Col McGinnis belong to this unit.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
0635	What about D Co?	Exec	C/C B 2 Bn 6 Inf
0910	OP instructions #1, not yet received.	C/C B	78 Div
0917	Expediate Aok OP Instr #1, dated 8 0715 - 0745	78 Div	C/C B
0615	We are carrying out our assigned mission with regards to FURNA. Nothing to rpt as yet.	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
0730	Same msg as of Ser # 9	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
0840	Subd rpt on patrol activities	C/C B	1 Bn 1 AR 1 Bn 6 Inf 2 Bn 6 Inf 1 Bn 15 AR 11 Inf Brig.
0855	D Co arrived in present position at 0430	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1000	D Co arrived in position	C/C B	78 Div
1014	Get material to 8 mi Bridge & repair road in vic.	C/C B	15 Engr
1015	Patrols were sent into FURNA ON FOOT; it was thought best not to send vehicles out at night. Shells were fired into town (FURNA) from distance 2 mi (FURNA cleared). Contacted Col Todd there.	1 Bn 1 AR Col Watters	C/C B
1105	Send peep & driver of 2 AD to this CP	C/C B	2 Bn 15 AR
1122	Very little activity rptd. No rpts as yet of our patrols.	C/C B	78 Div
1125	Aok rept O 1 # 1 (rc'd 1105)	C/C B	78 Div
1115	Sitrep 10.0hrs. Little activity during night. 11 Inf brig patrolled N as far as 5 E & W G id line, making contact w/U.S. forces but no contact with enemy. Patrols still in this area without contact with enemy. River patrols we e also carried out. At 2150 hrs 11th Inf Bde rpt flares dropped due west of them, which we e suspected to be guides for parachutists & I E Surreya rptd possible parachutists at 2320 hrs. C/C B rptd an attempt at enemy infiltration just before dark, which was repelled. Anti-personnel bombs dropped by enemy area J 3140 at 2145 hrs, & at J 5550 at 2300 hrs. Aok All informed.	C/C B	78 Div

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- 0850 In order to reduce veh. casualties and serious damage to roads, absolutely essential (to) reduce veh speeds to minimum. Enforce normal O.K. speed limits or lower. All informed. V Corps C/C B
- 1355 Evacuate tanks in area of 737455. Run 1st Bn 15th AR now in that area. Rpts that it is muddy there, but possible to get tanks out. Act immediately to get these vehicles out. C/C B Maint 15 AR
- 1342 Maint Co ordered to evacuate vehicles RE: mag 1230. Have your Ran in that area be on look-out for them. C/C B 1 Bn 15 AR
- 1230 Our armored patrols halted due to muddy terrain in vicinity of 737455. No enemy activity rptd. Tanks in that area may be evacuated. Send out Maint Co patrols. Taking points of observation. Will remain until orders to move. Drivers forced to move with ports open due to fogging of vision slits. 1 Bn 15 AR C/C B
- 1255 CP now at Oued Zarga. Brucker. 106 CA Bn C/C B
- 1400 Rpt immediately to Gen Oliver at CP with your personal equipment prepared to go on special mission. Your Bn will temporarily be turned over to Capt. Sinnerman. C/C B Lt. Col Bruss Co 2 Bn 15 AR
- 1704 Lt Col Bruss temporarily relieved from command 2nd Bn for special mission (Gen Oliver). You will take over command of 2 Bn 15 AR effective upon receipt of this message (Lt Col Cairns) C/C B Capt. Sinnerman Co Co D 15 AR
- 1420 Maj Arnold Rpt to CP without delay. C/C B 16 Eng.
- 1155 Request area in rear to which vehicles may be moved. 2 Bn 6 Inf C/C B
- 1355 Do you know the whereabouts of Chap. Carpes? He has been missing since 7 Dec 42. 1 Bn 15 AR C/C B
- 1440 Chaplin Carpes has been at this CP since last night. Do not know when he intends to return. C/C B 1 Bn 15 AR
- 1411 Patrols at 730488 and 7488 are attempting to evacuate 1 M-4 tank; other must be towed. 3 dead men may be evacuated this area. 1 Bn 15 AR C/C B
- 1525 Gowell is Ran Off; will rpt. 1 Bn 15 AR C/C B
- 1506 1 para Bn Glide CC B RE: V Corp O.I. # 1 Delete Para 9 (B) and substitute following: 6th Armd Div will provide 1 Transport Plat to rpt Rep. 78 Div at level crossing J 2159 at 1600 hrs 8/12/42--This Plat will lift 1 French Bn fighting under order 78th Div. After de-bussing transports will return 6th Armd Div. 3 Para Bn not able to move fwd until approx 0800 hrs 9/12/42 QM V corps will arrange transport to life Bn to guards Big Rept of Bn to rpt rd junct J 2640. Guards Brig to have rep. rd jctn J2640 from 0900 hrs 9/12/42 Ack. All informed 0950-0945. V Corps C/C B

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1245	When Co. "DE left its position at 735505 last night to rejoin us they were receiving L MG Mortar & 88mm fire from the vicinity 745503.	2 Bn 6th Inf	C/C B
1520	Amendments to 78 Div O.O. #2-8/12/42.		
1125	You will send Inf Plt forthwith to a psn area 6549. Task Inf protection of US Btry located there.	Hq 11th Brig.	
1630	Col Wrockloff came in with report that Tebourba was bombed at 1530.	Oral from CO of 27 FA	
1800	47 Arm Med Bn will move with me as ordered. Standing by for orders.	Ser Co 15 AR	C/C B
1655	Request information about peep that is to report to Capt. Long.	2 Bn 13 AR	C/C B
1720	Peep belonging to 2nd A.D. is to be returned to this HQ w/o delay.	C/C B	2 Bn 13AR
1800	Send same patrols tomorrow as you had today.	C/C B	1 Bn 13 AR
1805	Conduct vigorous dismounted patrols to the east of your position tonight and tomorrow.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
1905	Atty unable to accomplish mission on Massicault.	1 Bn 13 AR	C/C B
2040	Send 1 plt to vicinity 7549 without delay. Maint Co 13th doing recovery work on tanks there and need patrols to protect them.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
1920	Recovery work on new medium tanks coord 7549 going on at 2030. Request patrol of 1 Bn 6 Inf and 2 Bn 6 Inf to protect the Main Co 15 AR men.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
2044	1 Plt from both 1st and 2nd Bn 6th are to be sent to recovery area as soon as possible. Be on look-out for them. RE: Msg 1920.	C/C B	1 Bn 13 AR
1855	Re: O.75. Hair spring postponed at least 24 hrs.	5 Corps	C/C B
2115	Disregard the work of Maint Co as spoken of in 192 msg. Work is postponed until tomorrow.	1 Bn 13	C/C B
1150	Recovery work on tanks E: Msg 2040 has been postponed until tomorrow. Notify patrols. Have 1 plt ready to patrol in that area at 0700 in the morning.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf.
2204	Information your msg 2115 sent to 6th Inf. Patrols will be sent out at 0700 tomorrow. Have recovery work continue.	C/C B	1 Bn 15 AR

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2015		Do not send patrols to recovery area tonite.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
2125		Will try to comply with 1st Bn 15 patrol order for tomorrow but doubtful that can be accomplished as weather conditions has immobilized our vehicles.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
2145		Gen Clark will be at Corps Hq at 1130 tomorrow. Would like Gen Oliver to visit him if nothing is doing.	78 Div.	C/C B
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0200		Nothing to report on this front this unit.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
0558		Disregard recovery work until further orders.	C/C B	1 Bn 15 AR
0601		Recovery crews may not be in area 7549 at 0700 but send patrols as ordered.	C/C B	1 Bn 6 Inf 2 Bn 6 Inf
0850		Tank patrol remained in Furna during night and is still there. No activity observed. Have attached another tank patrol to Yelter for the day reconnaissance work with British completed. tanks have returned.	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
0850		Tank destroyed while on patrol with British located 4.13 miles north of farm named Bach-Handa. Completely destroyed only hull salvaged. No injuries to personnel.	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
1604		Msg ref Corps Commanders personal letter.	5 Corps	C/C B
1000		Patrols advanced to 755461 and were fired upon by 3 AT guns and have returned to 759429.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1034		Eliminate AT guns reported in msg of 1000 hrs.	C/C B	1 Bn 15 AR
1055		Report to this HQ by overlay positions of all vehicles of your command.	C/C B	All Units.
1100		Peep was dispatched from this GP about 0905 hrs.	2 Bn 15	C/C B
1100		Enemy btry believed at 755-475 NRI trying to obs.	27 FA	EX. O.
1135		Submit report of C co 701st in your vehicular report	C/C B	1 Bn 15 AR
1140		Submit to this HQ by messenger by 1400 hrs authorized vehicular strength and vehicles by type lost or inoperative.	C/C B	Bn 15th. Serv 15th C Co Maint Bn Supply Bn
1055		SCREP 1090 hrs own tps no change. No enemy activity reported. A ck. All informed.	78 Div	C/C B

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1158	S&md peep and driver pertaining to Co G, 657 Arm'd Regt to this CP immediatly.	C/C B	2 Bn 13AR
1200	Liaison officers bring info re: vehicles in person as soon as possible.	C/C B	1 Bn 6 Inf 2 Bn 6 Inf
0956	Impossible to give accurate report this morning on ZEFUWT . Waiting for reply.	1 Bn 6	C/C B
1120	Ry Tebourba-Medjez el Bab being prepared for demolition by 78 Div; Ry Mataur Beja by 5 Corps. Demolition pts will be as far NE as possible. Bns where rd and ry cross are not being prepared. Orders to blow by 78 Div & Blade respectively. Earliest time of blowing will be laid down by 78 Div unless bns are in danger of being captured. Ack.	78 Div	11 Inf Brig.
0900	RE: 0615 msg 6th Inf protective patrols 2 truck; 10-ton wrecker; 2-2 ¹ / ₂ T trucks or Maint vehicles.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1130	Maint Co 15th AR in position on overlay of Maj Koster.	Maint Co 15 AR	C/C B
1245	Msg read location of vehicles to this Hq on overlay. Obviously means all vehicles of your command whatever their op. status.	C/C B	1 Bn 15 AR
1125	ref pt last msg re this overlay of casualty vehicles.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1235	Want latest situation from C/C B. Also where are your patrols E of River? My patrols —No contact with enemy as far (as) 3 mi South of Turning(?).	Sunray (11 Brig)	C/C B
1258	Patrols 1st Bn 6th Inf contact w/enemy unknown strength 750490. Patrol 1st Bn 15 fired on by 5 AT guns from vicinity 785460. Furna Road under arty fire 770400 to 740370. Patrols seeking location of s. btry. Situation otherwise same as last rpt.	C/C B	11 Brig.
1505	We have some men at 675485—strength & org unknown—who urgently require rations. Brit have sent 2 cases.	C/C B	S4 C/C B
1008	You have some men at (675485) who urgently require ocppo VDF is sending 2 cases.	11 Brig	78 Div (CCB)
1250	Maint Co 15th AR in position Map No. 4 coordinate 15 dash 26.	Maint Co 15 AR	C/C B

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1545	Send Ron officer to this HQ by 1530 hrs.	C/C B	1 Bn 6th Inf 2 Bn 13 AR 27th FA HQ C/C B Co C 701st
1235	At 1230 hrs our patrol from Co D reports the enemy patrol has withdrawn and patrols from both Bns are proceeding on mission.	2 Bn 6th	C/C B
1215	In answer to msg 1158 that unit left this area at day break this morning destination unknown to us.	2 Bn 13	C/C B
1311	In reference to msg concerning overlay--does this mean disabled vehicles?	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
1418	Disregard msg about vehicular overlay--Info obtained from Bn Co.	C/C B	1 Bn 1 AR
1420	Must have info immediately about grounded Spitfires or else they will be destroyed by engineers this afternoon.	C/C B	7th AASC
1350	F-6 reports 2 Messerschmitts area 7116 at 1345 hrs. Request fighter support.	Bgn Co	C/C B
1430	Request area at W. Mchaga 5122 be bombed at first light 10 Dec. Enemy tanks have been har- boring in this area for past 2 nights and move out first at dawn each day.	C/C B	38 Div
1355	Your plan for Medjez el Bab approved. You will occupy position by 1700 hrs 10 Dec. Complete Ron forthwith and rpt comd 78 Div to discuss supporting arms required to implement plan. French Bns at present Medjez el Bab come under your command forthwith. You may alter their dispositions as necessary. 2 lt tk sqns CC B come under your comd on CC B clearing Medjez el Bab. Ack. All informed.	V Corps	78 Div C/C B
1440	To CR rpts 1030 hrs no movement seen road MEDJEZ EL BAB-MASSICHAULT-ST-CYPRIN area. 4 sq mi S of ST CYPRIN no move seen. No movement seen rd jct J 5245 to J 7135. General impression whole area S. No movmt seen. All informed	78 Div	CC B
1620	The company of this unit opposite you will move its outposts beyond your bivouac tonite. Capt. Hewitt will contact you.	2 Bn 6 Inf	27 FA Bn
1700	Visibility poor. Some effect enemy vehicles.	27 FA	C/C B
1750	Submit rpt RE msg 1245 total vehicles operative. Include rpt 701 TD Bn without delay.	C/C B	1 Bn 13 AR
1618	5th North Hamptons patrol contacted enemy AFVS and Inf at 720545. Patrol withdrawn to new CP. Further report will be forwarded on receipt from WTM.	11 Inf Bde	C/C B
1835	Send out patrols to cover harbor area of 1 Bn 13 A ⁴ . In addition send 1 patrol to knock out rd black at Furna.	2 Bn 6 Inf	CC B

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1900	Spitfires grounded in vic J 55E1-J 6459- MEDJEZ EL BAB - LE KEF road - 5 mi. from LE KEF.	C/C B	7 AASC
	Recd optns Rpt from 6 Inf	6 Inf	C/C B
2140	Rpt CP as soon as possible, to stay night.	C/C B	1 Bn 13 AR (Col Todd)
2145	Patrol aggressively tomorrow areas as today.	C/C B	1 Bn, " Bn 6 Inf 1 Bn 1 AR
2140	Request air bombardment, enemy hvy btry at 8245 In this location also sev lt btrs and tps hrbd. Location of this concentration E side of rd running N of MAB-ICAVIL on the high ground.	C/C B	78 Div
2155	How many disabled enemy tanks located in your area.	C/C B	1 Bn 8 Inf
2210	No tks to 56 Ron 1 Plt to Ron 15 AR (KSAR TYR) J 755307 at 0630.	C/C B	1 Bn 1 AR
2200	Optns Rpt and overlay submitted.		
2250	No Arty observer available tomorrow.	C/C B	1 Bn 6 Inf
2015	Request arty fwd observer rpt to this CP tonight. Have cur ln off at your CP lead him here.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
2240	Have a peep at the Off Mess at 0700 10 Dec. General M. Beale Capt Kansas Oliver will use it.		
2250	Send Ron Off to CP at 0800 tomorrow.	C/C B	1, 2 Bns 6 Inf
1945	Vehicles will not (repeat not) be driven without sidelights W of RJ J 4855 unless hostile aircraft are overhead. Sidelights may be used on leading veh. of column W of same RJ. This order will be enforced by all comdrs. All informed.	78 Div	C/C B
2005	Very important 6 Inf patrol contact is mounted men at disabled med tanks 760490 at 0530 hrs 10 DEC 42.	1 Bn 13 AR	C/C B
2250	RE: 5 Corps no one dated 9-A/Tk mines will be lifted when not possible to lift locations of mines will be noted and reported to this HQ	V Corps	C/C B
10 DEC 42	<u>SIDI KHADRA</u>		
0015	Request arty observer at daylight	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
0800	What action taken on msg 2140 9 DEC RE: bomb mission	C/C B	78 Div
0805	Have off from DET 67 AR report this HQ immediately.	C/C B	CO Trains
0020	All explosives will be removed from rd hrs forthwith by hrs NE from MEDJEZ EL BAB and on the BEJA-MATEUR line will not be blown without permission from this HQ unless in danger of being captured before withdrawal starts.	78 Div	C/C B

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0150	Duffer will be cleared 2250	78 Div	C/C B
0842	20 tanks and 5 trks German Inf rptd at 709525 at 2100 hrs 9 DEC. Move your Bn W of bridge at once to position to cover and protect bridge from N.	C/C B	2 Bn 15AR
0855	Rpt any enemy activity N & W of your position along MEDJEZ - TEBOURBA rd RE: msg 2265.	C/C B	1 Bn 6 Inf
0810	Request fighter plane sweeps this area report all enemy activity along rds TEBOURBA to MEDJEZ EL BAB Tunis to MASSICAULT to MEDJEZ EL BAB to this HQ Immediately.	C/C B	78 Div
0910	1 Plt Engrs atchd to you. Enroute.	C/C B	1 Bn 15 AR
0725	Suspicious action among Arabs consisting of large scale evacuation from surrounding villages. May be scared of us. Evacuated 1 Med Tank today from battle field. Request 1 Engr Squad for tomorrow operations.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
0845	TO COL RUSSELL: Aid troops will be clear of MEDJEZ EL BAB by 2250 hrs. Operation Order will reach you before noon today.	78 Div	C/C B
0945	Observer this unit rpts 20 tanks and some Inf located just W of TEBOURBA. No movement noted.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1045	20 enemy tanks moving S from TEBOURBA TO MEDJEZ Location at 1045 hrs J 8848. Request air bombardment immediately. Answer request at once.	C/C B	78 Div
1041	20 enemy tanks moving SW between MASICO & FURNA	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1045	Enemy tank now opposite bridge.	2 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1055	20 enemy tanks moving from MASSICAULT towards FURNA Location 1050 hrs. at J8148 Air bombardment already requested 9th DEC against arty J8245 should be used against this target.	C/C B	78 Div
0955	(ZLU) rpt fighting patrol sent out 0100 hrs; stand 0850 hrs. Confused fighting between standing patrol & enemy enctd by MG fire during early hrs. Area IES CHENES 709522- Enemy seem to have reinforced between yesterday and this morning. No penetration further S so far as can be seen (ZLU) OP and recon patrol in vicinity DEXTKN G LNWto report to GSI 1	78 Div	C/C B
1020	Planes will make sweep as soon as they can get off ground.	78 Div	C/C B
1100	Request arty support from 11th Bde on enemy tanks just rptd.	C/C B	78 Div
1105	No info recd about air bombardment. additional request sent to bomb approaching tanks. Suggest you display elements as you desire. Will notify you at once if bombers will attack and time.	C/C B	R/15 AR

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1115	16 Tanks headed toward bridge at present 6848.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1140	Urgent-Air request-bomb-straff enemy tank column moving west 6834 immediately.	C/C B	78 Div
1140	Request air bombing on enemy col on main road would be perfect target.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1040	Col tanks followed by Inf dismantled reported moving SW TEBOURBA MEDJEZ road 6848	C/C B	11 Brig
0934	Date @ and your msg Too 1902 same date RAF now state they will arrange salvage today. Therefore do not make arrangements for destruction.	7AASC	C/C B
1150	Enemy tanks at 6834 moving towards MEDJEZ on main road. Perfect bombing target. Urgently request air bombardment.	C/C B	78 Div
1200	I Co. rather badly shot up and forced to withdraw and other Co. out off. Too many Mark r's.	1 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
1148	Fire on flank of enemy on FURNA MEDJEZ Road.	Co C 701 TD	C/C B
1100	Situation report.	78 Div	C/C B
1250	Alert your company for possible action vicinity Medjes-al-Bab.	Co G 67 (then CC trains)	C/C B
1250	Request that Co G 67 AR be placed under our control immediately.	Co G 69 AR	C/C B
1805	Urgently request answer of negative or affirmative as regards to bomber support.	C/C B	78 Div
1551	Request tanks of 67 AR be released to CC B at once	Corps	C/C B
1225	175th FA is firing on tanks at bridge.	Oral	
1351	G 50 Reports tanks to our front now backing up. Col Winters reported that enemy was about 5 mi from Medjes El Bab 1450. No susp he lost at least 5 tanks and 5 or 6 H/Ts in engagement.	27th FA intercept.	
1415	Occupy high ground 6152 attack only by fire.	C/C B	1 Bn 1 AR
1420	Weather no clear. Urgent to keep fighter sweeps in air as we are certain of STuks and paratroop attack. Request answer to at once.	C/C B	78 Div
1445	10 Tanks followed by 5 Cos Inf reported advancing at 754445 from white farm house. Tks vicinity white cupalo in barn firing into hills to the SW their right out left.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1440	An out off from Bn by enemy Inf and ARTY. Present location J 6546(1:200,000) Our tanks and other vehicles still E of bridge apparently attempting to holdto position and are under hvv Arty fire. Action in vicinity of FURNA. British rpt enemy tanks there in small numbers. Request advice as to what I	1st Lt Simpson C.O. Ron Plt 2 Bn 15 AR C/C B Ordered to join 106th CA vicinity 2 mi W&S Medjes.	

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	should do. Have 3 peeps; 1 H/T; 11 men. H/T not in condition for maneuvering.		
1600	Request location of C/C B tank Bns & 6th Inf.	78 Div	C/C B
1637	1st Bn 6th at J6846. 1st Bn 15th at J6558. 2nd Bn 6th at J6842. 2nd Bn 15th at J6844. 1st Bn 1st at J5854.	C/C B	78 Div
1500	Spitfires attacked 15 tanks and drove them off back in an eastward direction.	Radio conversation.	
1950	Situation as of 2100 hrs. General withdrawal of units to areas in accordance with V Corps operation order #1.	C/C B	78 Div.
2055	1st Bn 1st AR has been substituted for 1st Bn 15 AR for operation under Guards until latter has re-organized.	C/C B	78 Div.
2145	Send anchor net 56 REE RBT to 78th Div at J1834 as soon as possible. Acknowledge.	C/C B	15th AR
	Bridge held by enemy. 2nd B 15th AR broke thru under fire. Tried to turn a round and get into position to bring enemy tanks under fire and prevent advance down road at daylight.	Oral--Russell to Frankel.	
2020	Detachment 67 should be directed to Qued Zarga tonight and will move up to Medjes el Bab by first light tomorrow. The CO of DE 67 report as soon as found to Capt Cuffith.	C/C B	Det 67.
2550	Enemy holds bridge at J-6746. 2nd Bn got through others withdrawing East of River. 2nd Bn 15 AR will hold vicinity J6245 until others cross. Request det 67 be East of Medjes by dawn sup by inf.	C/C B	78 Div.
2540	Have reading take position on Furna Rd after reaching Medjes. Report compliance. Acknowledge.	C/C B	1 Bn 15th
2241	Your msg of 2145 is here. Aok.	Ron Co 15	C/C B
2545	Request that General Cass be informed as soon as C/C B is clear of bridge at Medjes El Bab in order that one Brigade may carry on.	78 Div	C/C B
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0040	Kern told to drop a Co to protect withdrawal east of river, 1 pit. to go north to 2nd Bn 15th. Bal to be held on road west of Medjes.	Oral Cairns-Russell	
0120	B, 16th Engr, has been ordered to move through Medjes.	Russell Lt. Cannon	
0119	C.O. 16th Eng--Roll.		

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0115	Re: Your message 2350 get in touch with Hqs Gds Bde who now has 67 under its control.	78 Div	C/C B
0203	Re: My conversation with Cairns. I can get no satisfaction from CG here contact Hq Guard Bde who now has 67 under its control. Am attempting contact air officer about bombers.	78 Div	C/C B
0329	New CP established as designated 0145. Overlay following.	27 FA	C/C B
0400	Capt Carl reported that many vehicles are bogged down. Got 10 Mark 3's. Tank destroyer got 5 Mark 4's. B Btry 27 FA and C Co 701st bogged down.	Oral	
0509	As of 2359 hrs contact enemy at 10 Headquarters Serv Co at SOUK EL KHEMIS. A6B10157 J1640001 Co cleared in new bivouac area near Koster's area 0225.	Ser Co 15	C/C B
0510	Lt Pool ordered to take tank plt up to try and salvage vehicles that are bogged down.	Oral-Russell to Lt. Pool	
0640	Kern directed to reorganize all of 6th Inf in the area to take part in present operation. Mission being vicinity Medjes El Bab and roads leading into as far as removal of our vehicles.	Oral-Cairns to Kern	
0830	Lt Cannon reported by radio: "No more vehicles are coming out at present, but quite a few men." Col. Cairns notified 2 Bn 13, German prisoner said only German MK 3's tanks N of River yesterday.	Oral from Col. Cairns	
0820	Ref your msg 0720 Units OK for gas at present time Will let you know future requirements.	C/C B	78 Div
0830	Urgently request all information as to number location and direction of movement of enemy troops in Tabourba-Massicault-Medjes el Bab area be reported by pilots making sweeps to this Hq.	C/C B	78 Div
0500	Need ammunition.	2 Bn 13	C/C B
0835	Located C.P. see overlay	Green	C/C B
1007	CP is changed to area just E of Souk El Khemis. Contact Koster for location in C/C B assembly area. Espinosa was to notify you of change. Get new CP established quickly as column is already on the rd.	C/C B	Lt. Green
1013	CHA Plain not here—whereabouts unknown	Supply Bn	C/C B

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1050	Tanks and 88mm guns still in farms and high ground N of railroad station (HQ 7 mile N of RR station) Enemy's Arty shelling vehicles E of river. Enemy air rcn heavy.	Oral from Lt Frankel	from 2nd Bn 15th
1050	Request fighter support over Medjes el Bab area,	C/C B	78 Div.
1045	Medjes bombed 1050-Request air support- evacuation personnel should be completed in about 1 hr. No vehicles coming out.	Lt Cannon	C C B
0850	To date vehicles evacuated-2nd Bn 6th-8 H/T, 2 A Guns, 5 peeps; 27th FA-1 peep, 2 H/T; 1st Bn 15th- 7 tanks, 4 H/T, 1 37 Sp; 1st Bn 6th Inf as left here. I do not know their figures but they got out most of their vehicles.	Traffic Control	C/C B
1157	Your H/T w/198 radio is to accompany Lt Francis British Army to HQ of Guards Brigade to furnish radio link between Gds Bde-1st Bn 1st AR and Co G 67th A.R.	C/C B	Pvt McBride
1206	Zimmerman being fired on by Arty from J 6843.	C/C B	C/C B Arty
1254	Send 1 truck and 1 ambulance to Dutches if more are needed let me know and I'll send more.	Traffic Control	C/C B
	Request location of your Co. Answer as soon as possible.	C/C B	Co B 16 Regt
1322	Column of one H/T's this unit moved out 1310 hrs.	1 Bn 15	C/C B
1803	Submit to this HQ by 2000 hrs overlays showing position. Location this CP 0726. Report by type on operative vehicles now available to you.	C/C B	All units
1440	5 tanks of 67 Ar will be ready to move forward this evening if so desired.	Trains	C/C B
1828	New CP opened 1800 hrs.	27th FA	C/C B
1815	CP located at 0528.	1 Bn 15	C/C B
2040	At 0800 tomorrow Btry A will leave present area for position from which fire may be put on targets 5000 yds E of Oued Zarga. Liaison officer will report to CRA 78th Div at 0800 at J2055.	C/C B	27th FA
2815	Reference SFO report called for in msg signed at 1805 hrs was information given by Gregory to you S-4 at 2100 hrs sufficient SCD.	106 CA	C/C B
1500	Col Partridge, G-3 representative allied Force Hq Algiers visited Hqs and front Medjes el Bab.		

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1700 Gen Patton CG 1 AC visited Hqs and spent night
Along with Col Partridge.

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1850 Gen Alfred visited Hqs and talked over present
situation with CG C/C B

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0020 Report by Gregory all right. Send your location by
radio at once. C/C B 106 CA

0050 Send your location by radio immediately. Also comply
msg of 1803 hrs RE; report of operative vehicles. C/C B 27th FA

0850 Our location SOUK EL ARBA. 106 CA C/C B

0725 My men are in urgent need of blankets. They have
none. Requisition has been submitted but have re-
ceived none. Request immediate action. We need
blankets delivered here in the field.

Send your CP location at once so we can get supplies
to you. C/C B 1 Bn 1 AR

1025 Bn less detachment of A Btry at Hq location Hq 27 FA C/C B

0830 Col Partridge dep. Hqs. Force Hqs. return-
returned to his Hqs with the following information:
General estimate of situation on this front, es-
pecially that of C/C B combat vehicle strength
estimate and CG C/C B desire for future employment
this command.

0850 Gen Patton went forward with intention of visiting
1st Bn 1st AR.

1550 Report whether Gen Patton is in your area. C/C B AllUnits

1553 Gen Oliver to meet w/ Alfred at Corps HQ at 1850. 78 Div C/C B

1803 All telephone lines incl. direct lines are insecure;
place, code, names, link signs, Marco map references
code and Jargon code will be used in all line tele-
phone conversations from 0001 hrs Dec 13. Clear names
will not be used. 78 Div C/C B

1850 Gen Oliver and Col Cairns attended a conference with
Gen Alfred at Corps HQ.

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0740 Report to this HQ in person at 0850

C/C B Co 1 Bn 6

0745 Report to this HQ in person at 0850

C/C B Co 1 Bn 15AR

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0915	Lt Pool was ordered to report to 1st Bn 15th AR with 6 tanks (6) with crew for 5.	Oral- Col. Russell to Lt. Pool.
0917	Request permission to delay arrival of reporting due to formation.	1st 15th C/C B
0945	V Corps rear boundary for all purposes as follows all incl. V Corps Le Kef N 87-rd to railway bridge H-8800-00 grid line to rd at H-5990-rd June H 4405-Kef St ammarak H 5211 ft-335 N 7525-rd Fernana H72-Ain Drahan H74-Am Teboul - H 65 to river br H6051 river to La Massida- H 5855 all British and US tks East of this line come under comd V Corps wef 1200 13 DEC- all Ack. All informed.	V Corps 78 Div C/C B
1030	Ref our O 955 dated 15-In addition Shermans remain under comd 78 Div and are placed under comd 1 GDS BDE.	78 Div 1st GDS BDE C/C B
1225	Contact group commander of British AA in Souk el Arba for any necessary coordination.	C/C B 106th CA
1445	Memorandum on loaning of equipment to 1st Bn 6th Inf went out at 1415 to all units.	
1510	Co C- 701st TD Bn CP now located in same area as 1st Bn 15th AR. Message center notified.	78 Div C/C B
1535	Received radio msg by voice from 1st Bn 6th Inf re: H/T received from 27th FA - H/T does not have winch nor tools- driver reports spare parts only to be used for 27th FA. Action taken: Report made to Lt Col Brockloff and Maj Grandonna.	Oral from Lt Cannon
1255	Units will not dispatch vehs to 60 BD without first obtaining auth. of C.G. formation. Serious traffic congestion is being caused at 60 BD by units dispatching vehs in the chance of obtaining particular stores in short supply. This practice will cease immediately as it is not only endangering the security and concealment of the ord dump but hazarding the lives of personnel and possible loss of large number of vehicles.	V Corps C/C B
	Be alert for enemy parachute action. S-3's report to CP at 1000 tomorrow.	C/C B All Units
<u>14 DEC 42</u>	Report by return any types of enemy aircraft identifications within the last three days. Same as above to all units.	5 Corps C/C B C/C B
	First Army have requested that Co C 15 AR move forth with to Souk El Arba to come under comd C/C B on arrival.	5 Corps C/C B
0830	The Lt Tk Bn C/C B at present under comd 78 Div and operating with Gds Bde will be relieved by Lt Tk Bn at present under C/C B and in Corps reserve. Take over will take place during night 14-15 Dec. Reliefs will be completed by 0700 hrs 15 Dec. Arrangements	

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0830 (cont'd)
for moves will be made direct 78 Div and C/C B
Senior reliefs and small recon party from 1st Tk
Bn at present with C/C B will report HQ Gds Bde
at 1800 hrs 14 Dec and arrange details of relief
and be instructed as to future role. 5 Corps C/C B

0955 Gen Olivier and Lt Cannon left for Souk el Arba
to fly to Algiers and Oran.

0920 Warning order—One way traffic on rds direction 5 Corps C/C B
given from 1800 hrs 14 Dec Souk el Arba to Le Kef
and to X rds N9581, Teboursouk to Souk el Khemis,
Souk el Khemis to RJ J1728 to Thibary, Souk Ahras
to Sakiet Sidâ Yousser, etc.

1055 Oral orders to: Bn 15th AR—One scout section Oral from Col Russel
less personnel to report to 1st Bn 15th AR prior to units concerned
to 1700 today; 2nd Bn 15th AR —one 75 SP report
to 1st Bn 15 AR less personnel prior to 1700
today.

1055 Send Liaison to Gds Bde at 1800 to arrange relief Oral from Col Russell
of 1/1 tonight. to 1 Bn 15th

1100 There will be a meeting of motor officers this C/O B All Units
HQ at 1800 today.

1105 Report in person to CP at 1400 hrs today. C/O B to Co Ser Co 13
Maint Co 13
106th CA
C Co 701TD

No men could be spared for combat from the trains except on sacrifice of unit local security plan. CO Trains C/C B

Have officer report to HQ Gds Bde J5230 at 1800 C/O B 1 Bn 6th
who knows location of vehicles left east of river. 2 Bn 6th
27th FA.

1225 As requested—Types of enemy planes seen last 1 Bn 13 C/C B
3 days—Messerschmidts JU 88's.

1250 Men available for possible dismounted combat 1 Bn 13 C/C B
without transportation armed with personal
weapons only—4 officers, 205 EM.

1400 In compliance with msg your Hqs dated Dec 14. 27 FA C/C B
Negative rpt.

Msg ref marking on French aircraft. 5th Corp C/C B

1527 You will turn over vehicles named w/o driver to C/O B Units
Capt Wells this HQ 1800 hrs Dec 1942 for temporary duty: HQ Co 1 motorcycle, 2 Bn 13 AR 1
bntam, 27th FA 1 motorcycle, Co B Supply Bn
1 Bntam. Concerned

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Reference your msg 1938 hrs 13 Dec 1942 aircraft identified JUB8, MEL09.

		C/C B	5th Corps.
1231	Any one unit or veh coming onto roads from fields, trucks or verges will be responsible for clearing the road of mud which it brings onto it before it moves off. (2) Suggest that all 2 wheel drive vehicles fitted w/desert tires rear wheels only should have these changed to front wheels. (3) Many cases occurring of pilfering from ditched vehicles pending recovery. No driver will leave a detached veh except to avoid falling into enemy hands, in this case if considered no chance of recovery, vehicle will be rendered useless before driver leaves. All informed.	5th Corps	C/C B
1520	9 H/Ts manned by 59 men, 30 men who have no means of transportation. Nothing left.	27FA	C/C B
1620	For parachute defense in add to defense of bivouac area, 14 Tanks, 7 M-2 H/T, 2 less 50 Cal. guns, 9 M-3 H/T, 7 peeps.	2 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1530	This unit has organized the following mobile force commanded by Capt Hewett for possible use against paratroops: 7 Officers 187 EM 20 veh.	2 Bn 6th	C/C B
	This unit has the following force available to move on foot in case of an alert against paratroops: 9 Off, 250 EM, 2 LMG and ind. arms for all men. App 7 off and 176 EM would remain behind for defense of the bivouac.	2 Bn 6th	C/C B
1445	2 Eng plat can be made available for duty in excess of that needed for local security. These platoons will consist of 3 M-3 H/T and peeps with 46 EM and 1 Off per platoon.	B Co 16th	C/C B
1735	Officers who reported to you from this HQ today were to give location of abandoned vehicles only they are not maintenance experts they cannot determine salvageable equipment do not send them tonight.	C/C B	O/C Gds Bde
1600	The following mounted troops could be made available after providing for our paratroop defense of local area-5 officers, 49 men.	106 CA	C/C B
1737	If I am yours does Robb go with me without further orders.	1 Bn 6th	C/C B
1824	Robb is yours when you go into action.	C/C B	1 Bn 6th
1740	Do not expect C.O. until between daylight and dawn.	1 Bn 13th	C/C B

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1920 Mobile reserve for C/C B 9H/T, 3 1/4-ton trucks (maint peeps) Rcn Co C/C B

Re: Msg 2021. No information available if lights in your area send patrols to investigate. C/C B -1 Bn 15 AR

2300 Your message timed 1911 hrs (USEP C/C B) from 1st Guard Brigade Q 23, 14th) received at 2206 hrs patrol MARK left at 1800 hrs. 78 Div C/C B

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Patrol area "C". Negative report. 2 Bn 6th C/C B

0900 Col. Cairns requested S-4 to obtain 75 mm towed guns for substitute of all 37 towed in the 2 Inf Bns and 8 75 mm towed for the 27th FA Bn.

1330 Request air recon E of Cued Zarga from horizontal 37 to horizontal 46 and E to vertical 71. Determine enemy activity and what vehs of C/C B by type are there. Ack. C/C B 78 Div

1445 Send guide to CP to take ammunition to the front. C/C B 1 Bn 1 AR

1500 Gen. Dwight visited Bns and talked with Gen Robinett, Col. Cairns and Col Russell in re to getting vehicles out from east of river. Col. Cairns gave orders to Maj Arnold and Maj Grandonna re: salvaging of vehs east of river.

Gen Daniels G-3 from Corp visited CP at 1545 hrs, conferred with Gen Robinett.

Ack of 1330 msg. 78 Div C/C B

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0831 Report results of patrol last night. C/C B 1 Bn 15th

1030 Col Todd is at the front and we are out of communication with him so have no information on last nite's patrol. 1 Bn 15th C/C B

1000 General Robinett and Lt Col Russell left to visit V Corps Hqs.

Distribute Dischargers M-1 as follows: Col Cairns S-4 C/C B

1st Bn 6th Inf 20	Rcn Plt 1 Bn 1 AR 1
2nd Bn 6th Inf 20	Rcn Plt HQ 13 AR 1
Rcn Co 13th 3	Co B16 Egrs 1
Rcn plt 1 Bn 13 1	
Rcn plt 2 Bn 13 1	

Distribute Rocket Grenade M-6 in proportion.

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0800	S-3 Report-0000 hrs to 2400 hrs 15 Dec 42. No change in location of troops. No action.	106 CA	C/C B
1400	CO's will take immediate action to further dispense their vehicles. 200 yd interval is minimum necessary exceptions will be held to a minimum.	C/C B	All Units
1418	As C/C B is no longer under command 78 Div this report will be submitted directly to HQ 5 Army Corps as per request that HQ this date.	C/C B	78 Div
1455	Report to CP without delay.	C/C B	CO Ren 15th
1805	1st Bn 1st AR vacated area 0327 on order of your HQ Bn now located 0129. Ask your approval.	C/C B	5 th Corps
1430	Ref x/1/5 dated 18 Dec Adv Hq 5 Corps opening JO 527 1630 hrs 18 Dec all informed.	5 Corps	C/C B
1605	Adv 1st Army 0503 dated 15 DEC 21 of a Mill please send in Cannon coy to lying up area GHARDIMAOU reporting this Hq time of arrival when C/C B will be asked to supply guides.	5 Corps	C/C B
2020	Via Radio. S-3 Report to HQ of 1 Bn 15 AR		
2155	You may withdraw up to six tanks tonight for maintenance check with British. Confirmation has gone to them. Msg for withdrawal to go by msgr only.	S-3 Maj. Long	Co 1 Bn 15 AR
2145	Via msgr. Send at once present strength Officers and men.	S-3 Lt. Peale	1 Bn 6 Inf
2217	Report in person to HQ C/C B 0000	S-3 Maj Long	1 Bn 1 AR 1 Bn 15 AR
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0824	Report in person to HQ C/C B w/o delay.	Beale	701 TD Bn.
0845	20 rds of 50 cal MG will be fired at 0900 hrs this date to test gun.	106 AA	C/C B
0855	Msg giving notification of above	C/C B	V Corps All Units
2240	A case occurred today over BEJA in which our own Hurricane-bombers were fired on by 1st AA fire. Steps will be taken to avoid repetition.	78 Div	C/C B
0845	2 Brit Hurricane bombers were fired upon by our troops 18 DEC. Steps will be taken to avoid repetition.	C/C B	All Units
	1 57mm SP, 1 75 mm SP and 1 H/T were recovered in last night's operations. Via Msgr.	Russell	5 Corps
	S-3 Rpt 0000 hrs to 2400 hrs 16 Dec. No change in location of troops.. No action.	106CA	C/C B
1010	Capt Elkins to rept to CP at once.	C/C B	2 Bn 8 Inf

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1100	Road THIBAR-TEBOURSOUK closed to all traffic except special convoy from 1200 1500 hrs today 17 Dec.	V Corps	C/C B
1105	Above sent to all units.	C/C B	All Units
1125	1 Off and 1 NCO will report to Maj Long at entrance to bivouac to Trains at 1430 for demonstration of AT Rockets.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf Rcn Co 15 AR 1 Bn 15 AR 2 Bn 25 AR
1130	Demonstration of AT Rockets will be held in trains area. Offs & NCOs meet at entrance to trains Vivouac 1430	C/C B	1 Bn 6 Inf
1140	Send FM S-3 H/T to Maint Bn by 1300 hrs for installation of 37mm.	C/C B	Rcn. Co 13AR
0945	Report on patrol in Area C 1700A 16 DEC to 0700A 17 DEC. Patrol consisted of one officer and eight FM in 3 peeps No enemy encountered Occasional flares in adjoining area at 1930A. Unidentified aircraft flying generally N & S. Limited visibility due to heavy fog in valleys.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
	Rept in person to S-3 at this HQ at 1900 hrs today.	C/C B	1 Bn 15 AR
1442	Report to S-3 at this HQ at your earliest convenience.	C/C B	1 Bn 6 Inf
1450	All 37mm SP of this Bn have been sent to 15 AR as previously ordered.	1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
0800	S-3 Report 0600 hrs to 2400 hrs 17 DEC 42. No change in location of troops. No action.	106 CA AA	C/C B
1800	This unit observing fire SW of your CP	B Co 16 Engrs	C/C B
1800	How far away was fire and what kind of fire was observed.	C/C B	B/16 Engrs
1810	S-3 Rpt from 27 FA Bn	27 FA Bn	C/C B
1812	It looks like wood fire or light.	B/16 Engr	C/C
1814	Fire is about a mile due south of this CP	B/16 Engr	C/C B
1500	There will be NO recovery tonight. Commands arranged that future recovery will be protected by	78 Div	C/C B
1645	Div HQ closes present location 1830 hrs and opens same time at 212505. All informed.	78 Div	C/C B
1600	1st Army have requested all trucks accompanying 18 RCT in excess TBA scale plus 48 2 1/2 Ton may be transferd to C/C B to make good deficiencies instead of being retrnd to ORAN.	5 Corps	C/C B

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1759 Believe only 12 Med Tks will arrive by 22 DEC.
Details of remainder will be sent when known.
In addition to forecast 9 x 37 mms enroute ETA
23 DEC/

5 Corps C/C B

1955 Under No Repeat No Circumstances will tpt used
for lifting 18 RCF fwd be returned to ORAN
This tpt urgently required fwd. Matter now under
reference AFHQ and HQ 1st Army

5 Corps C/C B

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0100 In continuation 5 Corps adm O # 5, Principle
to be followed only sufficient lighting to be
used to enable safe driving and prevent accidents.
Bright moonlight no lights, side lights if
visibility only fair. Side lights may be switched
on to warn on-coming vehs. If AA fire or other
indications presence enemy aircrafts headlights
must not be used.

5-Corps C/C B

0130 From 12 hrs 18 DEC rear boundary dive for adm 5 Corps C/C B

ONLY as follows: incl 5 Oct 38 rd OAN TESSOU
HG452 to AIN DRAHAM H 7542 to FERNANA thence
EATto J 0454 thence rd to incl SOUK EL KHEMIS
thence excl R MEDJERDA to br J 1424 thence incl
rd to incl rd June J 1614 thence WSW to incl br
H 8400 incl rd to excl X rda N 9581 thence excl
rd to incl 15 KEE to Corp rear boundary. ADM
inter div point of June incl 76 Div R MEDJERDA.

Colonel of Airforce visited CP to discuss the
air support situation.

A Co 1 Bn 15 AR replaces B Co 15 AR with 15 tks
(2 in Maint) on the night of Dec 19.

Oral Todd
to RUSSELL

6 Off and 23 EM including T/Sgt Wheeler and
12 drivers and 3 Car Comdrs to be atchd to
1 Bn 15 AR from 1 Bn 1 AR.

Oral RUSSELL
to WATERS

1055 Maj Gen Ryder G.O.C. 54th Div will visit
your HQ sometime today. 5 Corps C/C B

attach to 1 Bn 15 AR one officer, 23 EM.
Light tank platoon above will include 6
tank drivers.

C/C B Maint Co
15 AR

1005 All personnel C/C B who can not be satisfactoried equipped
or employed after arrival notified reinforcements will
be withdrawn into rest area GUELMA. Up to 400 may be
dispatched earliest possible GUELMA. Remainder up to
total 2000 cannot be accepted GUELMA before 22 DEC.
Notify total number in valued and strengths of adv 5 Corps C/C B
and main parties with dates of moves. Adv party will
move GUELMA earliest possible and meet rept 1, L & C
out area.

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<u>18 DEC 42</u>	<u>SOUK EL KHEMIS</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
1640	Pool's tanks will be exchanged for your poor tanks. No change in Personnel. Pool will revert to this HQ on Arrival, C, 15 AR		C/C B	1 Bn 15 AR
1825	RE: Traffic regulations 2 way traffic on H SOUK EL KHEMIS tl /rj 1629 as from 0900 hrs 18 DEC. May revert 1 way without notice if weather plus conditions necessitate.		V Corps	All Units.
1755	Above msg sent to all units		C/C B	All Units.
1130	Following are estimated times of arrival 36 FA Bn 18 DEC, 20c replacement for 6 ARMD Inf., 18 DE, Cannon Co, 39 RCT 20 DEC, 12 med tanks, 4 by 105mm. SP 17 (L) tks and 601 TD Bn, 21 DE, 78 Peeps, 9 btry 37mm, 2 scout cars, 4 (L) tanks and 15 Thompson Sub MG 23 DE.		5 Corps	C/C B
2210	Advice just recd that Cannon Co 39th Inf enroute here is without 105mm. Urge that 12 105mm of 26 FA Be made available to 27 FA bn. C/C B to make up 15 piece shortabn in that Bn. If this request approved prime movers will be sent to Algiers at once to pick up Hows.		C/C B	CG Allied Force HQ.
1245	18 RCT will come under command 78 Div 10.0 hrs 19 DEC. Aqk. All informed.		5 Corps	C/C B
1929	It is highly important that all shot down aircraft should be reported by type whether enemy or allied to this HQ.		5 Corps	C/C B
<u>19 DEC 42</u>	<u>SOUK EL KHEMIS</u>			
0945	Report all down aircraft allied or enemy. Give location.		C/C B	All Units
1600	1 Bn will fire 37 mm NE from 0635 commencing immediately.		1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1055	Unit CO's meet S-3 at HQ 1600.		Lt Col Russell	All Units.
1030	One each spitfire down at location on sheet 5 coordinated 1832 and 1935.		M Co 15 AR	C/C B
1158	Spitfires down at 1832 and 4935		C/C B	5 Corps
	No unit will practice fire any weapon w/o prior permission this HQ. When firing is allowed this HQ will be notified as soon as possible as to date, time and place.		Oral to CO's at 1600 hrs 19 DEC 42	
	This unit will fire mortars at 1400 hrs today. 1 bn 8 Inf Location of mortars 142813 vicinity of fire 135520, Sheet 25, 1/50,000.		C/C B	
	Notification of above to all units.		C/C B	All Units

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1525	RE: Traffic regulations 2 way traffic on rd SOUK EL KHEMIS to /rj 1629 as from 0900 hrs 18 DEC. May revert 1 way without notice if weather plus conditions necessitate.		V Corps	All Units.
1755	Above msg sent to all units		C/C B	All Units.
1130	Following are estimated times of arrival 36 FA Bn 18 DEC, 200 replacement for 6 ARMD Inf., 18 DE, Cannon Co, 39 RCT 20 DEC, 12 med tanks, 4 by 105mm, SP 17 (L) tks and 601 TD Bn, 21 DE, 78 Peeps, 9 btry 37mm, 2 scout cars, 4 (L) tanks and 15 Thompson Sub MG 23 DE.		5 Corps	C/C B
2210	Advice just recd that Cannon Co 39th Inf enroute here without 105mm range that 12 105mm of 26 FA Be made available to 27 FA bn. C/C B to make up 13 piece shortage in that Bn. If this request approved prime movers will be sent to Algeria at once to pick up Howa.		C/C B	CG Allied Force HQ.
1245	18 RCT will come under command 78 Div 1000 hrs 19 DEC. Aok. All informed.		5 Corps	C/C B
1929	It is highly important that all shot down aircraft should be reported by type whether enemy or allied to this HQ.		5 Corps	C/C B
<u>19 DEC 42</u>	<u>SOUK EL KHEMIS</u>			
0945	Report all down aircraft allied or enemy. Give location.		C/C B	All Units
1000	1 Bn will fire 57 mm NE from 0633 commencing immediately.		1 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
1055	Unit CO's meet 8-3 at HQ 1600.		Lt Col Russell	All Units.
1030	One each spitfire down at location on sheet 5 coordinated 1832 and 4935.		M Co 15 AR	C/C B
1158	Spitfires down at 1832 and 4935		C/C B	5 Corps
	No unit will practice fire any weapon w/o prior permission this HQ. When firing is allowed this HQ will be notified as soon as possible as to date, time and place.		Oral to CO's at 1600 hrs 19 DEC 42	
	This unit will fire mortars at 1400 hrs today. Location of mortars 142315 vicinity of fire 155320, Sheet 25, 1/50,000.		1 bn 6 Inf	C/C B
	Notification of above to all units.		C/C B	All Units

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Request notification of arrival time of units
re: msg 1150 DE 18 so guides may be sent to
them.

C/C B 5 Corps

It is imperative that the bearer Capt Rogers,
27 FA Bn gets transportation to ALGER today.
If at all possible I would appreciate your giving
him passage by air.

CG Souk El Arba
C/C B Airport

Request that you do all within your power to secure
air transportation to ALGIERS for the bearer, Capt
Rogers, who will be on urgent business in connection
with procuring replacement 105's.

CG V Corps
C/C B

1245 Have Capt Eanes report to this HQ at his earliest
convenience.

C/C B 2 Bn 6 Inf

1725 Capt Yeiter-Rcn Co 13 AR came in and rept that
his unit would be firing grenades in their
area at 1400 hrs 0 DEG.

Oral from Capt Yeiter
Rcn Co 13 AR

1730 Rcn Co 13 AR will be firing grenades at 1400 hrs
20 DEC near their bivouac area.

C/C B All units
incl 106 CA

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RE: 02501 dated par 2 (d) road SOUK EL KHEMIS
-Rf operates from two-way traffic forthwith
sub to immediate restriction if considered
message by 76 Div.

5 Corps C/C B

2 Bn 13 AR will be firing 75mm near their biv
at 1000 this date.

C/C B All Units.

1035 1 Bn 13 AR will fire 37mm today 1500 to 1600
at 082285

1 Bn 13 AR C/C B

1120 1 Bn 13 AR will fire 37mm today 1300 to 1600
at 082285.

C/C B All Units and
106 CA (AA)

1135 1 JU 88 shot down by 3 Spitfires approx 5 mi
NE of C/C B CP. 3 men seemed to bail out.
Personnel from C/C B CP & 106 CP went out to
investigate.

106CA C/C B

1150 Same msg as above plus additional info will
be sent as recd.

C/C B V Corps

1140 Twin engine plane believed to be JU88 shot
down by Spitfires crashed and burned at 217275.
At 1120, 3 men bailed out patrol has been sent
after them.

2 Bn 6 Inf C/C B

1201 Report to this CP immediately.

C/C B Lt Frank V Corps

1205 1 Bn 6 Inf will fire MGs and rifles in vic of
area 143512 at 1400 hrs.

A Btry 1 Bn 6 Inf
27 FA Bn (Intercept.)

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1120	1 Bn 13 AR will fire 37mm today 1500 to 1600 near this biv. area.		C/C B	106 CA AA
1246	Fighter sweep area J 7139i NMS ground one JU 88 destroyed. One frightened away. Also two fighters scared off. Time over area 1100 hrs.		Tentacle 7 AASC	C/C B
1205	General Lemnitz and Porter arrive 5 Corps for visit PM 20 Dec. Porter to go on to C/C B		5 Corp	C/C B
1615	Lt Pool rept back to C/C B for duty.		Beale (bral)	
1617	2 Bn 6 Inf will be firing rocket grenades 1500 to 1700 hrs 21 DEC near this biv area.		C/C B	106 CA (AA)
1640	Holkehuif's over and back of CP receiving large amount of AA & MG fire no planes hit as far as could be determined.			
1700	This unit was strafed at 1630 hrs by a group of enemy planes. One plane definitely recognized as ME 109		Maint Co 13 AR	C/C B
	Confirming raid of 1640-22 enemy fighters, over area in raid of ran on Souk El Arba. 4 planes shot down.			
1930	1 Bn 13 AR will fire 37mm from 0900 to 1150 hrs Dec 21 near their bivouac.		1 Bn 13 AR	C/G B
	General Lemnitz & Porter called at CP 2000 hrs.			
2100	RE: schedule for 22 DEC Engr instruction morning and intelligence summary 1800 hrs.		C/C B	1 Bn 13 AR
2300	This unit will be firing all types of weapons in the area N.E. of biv area between hrs of 0800 to 1600 hrs.		1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
2315	Msg same as above.		C/C B	All Units
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	Confirmation to dismove 2 Bn 16 Med Regt through telergma to join Comd. Baker in fwd area too 1845 thi 1956.			
0655	Have officer in peep report to Maj Long, 1000 hrs.		C/C B at C/C B	Rcn 1 Bn, 2 Bn 13 27FABn, 1 Bn 6 Inf B Co 16 Engr.
0930	Unidentified enemy planes passed over this unit at 0920 hrs.			
1010	The 106 CA (atcd to this comd) shot down 4 enemy airplanes in yesterdays air-raid of 22 p lanes. Definite locations known 3 ME 109, 1 FW 190. Via msg Lt. Frank.		C/C B 7 AASC Klous	
1205	106 CA will test fire 1 Bofor and .50 cal MGs at 1500 hrs this date.		C/C B	C/C B & 106CA

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1028	Preliminary tac/r report area MEDJEZ-TEBOURBA ST CYPRIEN MEDJEZ NMS about 1000 hrs.		C/C B
1040	Airplanes will be taken under fire only by a comd decisio n. All comdrs are fully responsible for this immediately. A prescribed signal within each organization will be set up and no one will be set up and no one will open fire until this given regardless of what other organizations do. Under no circum- stances will we open under 50 cal be fired at planes Great care must be exercised not to fire on friendly planes which continually travel this valley.	C/C B	All Units
1345	Traffic fwded under A457 dated 14 DEC, the following amendments will take place waf1600 hrs today. RM (RD?) Junet 2641-3544 north bound traffic only (NM) RJ 3547-3544-3542-3457 east bound traffic only. (All informed).	78 Div	C/C B
1114	Following amendments, traffic memo 15 DEC RJ 2641 - 3544 north bound only and RJ 3547 - 3542 to 3457 east bound only.	C/C B	All Units & 106 CA (AA)
1125	The 16 Engr will test fire rocket gun at 1400 hrs 21 Dec, near their hiv area.	C/C B	All Units.
1044	British request strength and number of vehicles in 6 C/C B units. Send with the greatest of possible	AD	C/C B
1250	NMS rd Medjez - Tebourba. No sign recent movement near Tracks J-7753, J7247, J7852, J7846. NMS rd ST CYPRIEN MEDJEZ. NMS in area. No E/Z	AASC	C/C B
1255	One plt Cannon Co 39 Inf atchd to you immediately. They will contact you this afternoon.	CCB	1 Bn 15 AR
	Tac/r result NMS rod J5580 MATEUR NMS rod J5765- rod June J6174 hwy J6074 and J5575-NMS rod J4888 MATEUR. No other observation area owing mich flak.	AASC	
	175 FA Bn less 1 Btry placed under C/C B 4th btry with TK K will remain in site reverting to comd BEJA sector. (Acknowledged)	C/C B	5 Corps
2045	Allot replacement guns in order arrival as follows Two 25 prs 78 Div for 152 fd two 25 prs 27 FA Bn. Keep 6 prs in VRD in Corps res. All informed.	C/C B	C/C B

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0025	601 TD Bn will dispatch forthwith on loan to French essential fighting equipment & fighting vehs of one co with ammo and key personnel as instructors as long as required. They will report COMANDANT D'ARMES at LEKEF for orders. Report estimated time of arrival at LEKEF. Ack.	V Corps	C/C B
0250	Same as above plus "This co will be started on way to LEKEF as soon as possible."	C/C B	601 TD Bn
0035	Trip completed 0030 hrs.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
0515	Following authorized by AFHA. Nine 105mm towed with nine 2 1/2-ton trks 6 x 6 with air brake attachment will be dispatched by 54 Div to C/C B w/o delay. Cargo space will be utilized for men and mail. Representation to report Rear 1st Army for instructions. 54 Div to report time of start and estimated time of arrival.	V Corps	C/C B
0455	Guns being sent up with prime movers supplied by the 1st Army. Ack you msg dated 21 DEC to 2359 A-THI 2359.	1st Army	C/C B
0822	Officers w/guides will move independently so as to arrive in areas before dark.	C/C B	1, 2 Bn 15 AR 1 Bn 6 Inf 27 FA Bn B/16 Engr Rcn Co 15 AR
0800	Request permission to test fire L-50 cal MG: 106 CA at 1100 hrs today.		: to C/C B
0850	Permission granted to test fire 50 cal MG at 1100 hrs today.	C/C B	106 CA
0855	106 CA Bn will fire 50 Cal MG at 1100 hrs today in their area.	C/C B	All Units
0855	Field glasses will be at each gun used for anti-aircraft. Glasses will be used to positively identify planes as enemy before opening fire.	C/C B	All Units
0855	Report to this HQ immediately.	C/C B	601 TD Bn
1005	Request immediate date of release Co A 15 AR and Det 67 AR to C/C B	C/C B	V Corps
1007	Prepare to move after 2050 hrs today.	C/C B	1/15, 2/15, 1/6 Ron/15, Maint/15 HQ C/C B, Co B 16eng. Co C/701, 27FA Bn, 601TD, 175 FA Bn
	Unit comdrs meeting at this HQ at 1800 hrs.	C/C B	All Units, 106 CA 175 FA Bn.
0115	C/C B less 1 Bn move area TEBOUNSOUK 22 DEC 6 Armd Div will recon area and inform C/C B By C/C B report 6 Armd Div for instruction on area forthwith.	V Corps	C/C B

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0155 Ref conversation Gen Alfiers with Lt Col Cairns. One Bn C/C B will move 21 DE and take over feature at 276. Recce party report HQ 6 Armd Div 1800 hrs today. Route for Bn BEVA MEDJEZ br MEDJEZ only available 2200-2400 hrs. No move other than recon parties before dark. Ack. V Corps C/C B

2 Bn 15 AR will fire 75 mm in their area at 1400 hrs today. C/C B All Units, 106 CA

Re above to V Corp

1520 Ack your msg this date re "D" Day C/C B V Corp.

1550 Det 67 AR Shermans at present MEDJEZ revert comd C/C B at 2000 hrs 23 DEC. V Corps C/C B

1810 March Order 1,2,5,4,5,6,7,8,9,10. Maj Long C/C B

1905 Det 13 AR at present Medjes revert comd C/C B 2000 hrs 25 DEC. V Corps C/C B

2255 242 gp are arranging fighter cover over area MEDJEZ TEBOURSOUK from 0800-0830 hrs 25 DEC. V Corps C/C B

2055 Ref V Corps No 3 par 15. This par will be read in conjunction with 1740 dated 18 Dec issued. All occurrences.

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0115 2 Bn 6 Inf reported in biv area 0100 hrs. 2 Bn 6 Inf C/C B

0220 1 Bn 6 Inf reported in biv area 0215 hrs. 1 Bn 6 Inf C/C B

Closed in biv 0150 hrs less two H/T and Bn mm (complete 0220). 27 PA Bn C/C B

1500 Report in person to CP without delay C/C B 1 Bn 15 AR

1530 Report to CP at once. C/C B Co B/16 Engrs

1530 Maj Shapiro report to CP at once. C/C B 1 Bn 15 AR

1545 Send Sgt. Taormina to CP at once with his typewriter and personnel equipment. C/C B HQ Det C/C B

1605 Report to CP at once. C/C B Ron Co 15 AR

1427 Please have Lt. Green report to Maj Long prior 1700 hrs C/C B Hq Co 15 AR

0855 Secret--OO#2 dated 23 DE 42 will not be acted on nor disclosed to anyone until further orders but will be held by comds as a sealed packet. All informed. Ack. 6 Armd Div C/C B

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0940	CG 6 Armd Div request OO#3 dated Dec 19 (?) be held by comdr and not acted on or disclosed to anyone till further orders.	C/C B	All Units
1350	C/C B less Bn MEDJEZ and all tanks will move 1800 hrs today back to area vacated 22/23 DE. Route SOUK EL KHEMIS NJ 1728. Tanks remaining W of TEBOURSOUK will be completely hidden. This HQ 0322 dated 22 is cancelled.	V Corps	C/C B
1720	Ack OO# 3	C/C B	6 AD
1730	Passed IP at 1730 hrs.	27 FA	C/C B
0800	S-3 Rpt 0000 hrs to 2400 hrs 22 DEC 42 0803 two ME 109, line formation, two before hits, several MG hits on planes	106 CA	C/C B
1725	One sqn lt tks will be placed under comd FRENCH for operation 25 DEC reverting your comd night 25/26 DE. Be prepared carry out on 24 DEC. Officer C/C B to report HQ. General TREMEAU at BORDJ J6779 forthwith Ack.	V Corps	C/C B
1900	Ack msg-1725-origiators number 541.-	C/C B	V Corps
2200	Additional msg: Sherman remain under 76 Div D day postponed 48 hrs. Officer at rd Junct 5711 to West Corps Comd.		
1710	Confirmed NO moves until further orders Suggested tours for Gen Eisenhower	6 AD V Corps	C/C B
2300	Movement completed 2250 hrs. It would be of great assistance to RAF if formations would report gaps of clear weather over areas where general situation of weather is bad. G 1 will other MET report recipients will pass their MET reports to 242 Gp at Corps HQ. Gen Oliver went to Rear Ech on morning of 24 Dec for conferences with Gen Eisenhower at 1415 hrs.	C/C B V Corps	V Corps C/C B
<u>24 DEC 42 TEBOURSOUK</u>			
1155	Report in person to old CP, C/C B J0827 at 1345 hrs this date for conference with Gen Eisenhower.	C/C B 1 Dn, 2 bn 15 Ar, 27Fa 1 Bn 6 Inf, 27 FA Bn 106 CA, 175 FA 601 TD Bn	
1000	Expedite ack amt number 1 to operations order number 3 dated 22. All informed	V Corps	C/C B
1504	Ack receipt and t no 1 to operation order No 3.	C/C B	V Corps
1455	Expedite Ack 10 G dated 21 THI 0955	V Corps	C/C B
1320	Ack receipt and t no 10 G dated 21 DEC		

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1045	Sqn Lt Tanks detailed for operation with French will remain under command of French until further orders. They will not repeat not revert C/C B night 25/26 Dec. Ack.	V Corps	C/C B
1335	Co C will remain with French until further orders.	C/C B	1 Bn 15 AR
1110	D day now postponed until further orders.	V Corps	C/C B
1450	Overlay showing disposition of 2 Bn 6th Inf. posted.	2 Bn 6th	C/C B
1620	1 Bn 15 AR will practice fire assault guns in vicinity 3412 from 0900 to 1700 hrs 25 DEC.	C/C B via	All Units this 18 CT & 6th AD
0930	Following items will be included Sitreps if applicable: 1 Position leading troops. 2 Summary of tanks and arty casualties. 3 Information as to French troops operating in area 4 Summary of close support air operation for day. 5 Information as to adjacent formation.	5 Corps	C/C B
2350	Have one bantam at Hq 0900 25 Dec with good driv er full gas tank, extra gas, 3 days rations for three men.	C/C B	Ruckingham
1640	One coy 10 RB at present in position east of Medjez will be withdrawn night 25/26 Dec under arrangements 6 Armd Div. No relief from corps resources possible. Any relief considered necessary must be made within resources 78 div ack.	V Corps	C/C B
<u>25 DEC 42</u>			
0005	OS25 date 22 cancelled. det 1/15 AR remain under comd. 78 Div.	V Corps	C/C B
0845	Ack above msg.	C/C B	V Corps
0858	Co A will remain under comd 78 Div until further orders.	C/C B	1 Bn 15 AR
0830	Christmas greeting to C/C B and atchd units. C.O. V Corps, C.O. 1st Army.	C/C B	
1200	Christmas greeting to C/C B from President Roosevelt, V Corps & V Corps Commander.	V Corps	C/C B
1000	Confirmation of verbal orders, operation order #4.	6 AD	C/C B
1000	Operation order #6.	78 Div	C/C B
1530	Maj Shapiro reported to this HQ and gave information regarding French attack and the role his Co was to play.		
1820	1 Bn 15th AR will practice fire assault guns in vicinity 3412 from 0900 to 1700 hrs 26 Dec.	C/C B	All Units, 18 CT & 6 AD

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	Cease firing immediately and check where shells are landing. Reported they are landing in French camp 5 mil south of here.	C/CB	1/13
1804	It is of the utmost importance that guards be placed on crashed aircraft without delay as valuable equipment such as parachutes are being stolen.	F Corps	C/CB
26 Dec 42 0855	Stress maintenance and care of arms.	C/CB	All Units
0925	Gen Oliver will not be at C/CB HQ this AM as he told you on phone last night. He has gone to V Corps. Will inform you when he returns.	C/CB	18 CT
0816	S-3 Report 0000 hrs to 2400 hrs Dec 25, 42. No operations for period.	106	C/CB
1500	The following will be on view to C/CB for one day from 0800 26 Dec at TEBOURSOUK site rd June 2611. Addresses will arrange accordingly. One Valentine conveyed by Seammel from 26 Arm Bde. One Crusader Hq Sqn 6 Arm Div. One Hummer and one Daimler Arm'd Car Derby Yea	26 AB 1 Derby Y	C/CB
1800	In confirm this mornings conference. Orders have been given French forces that attack will be in tomorrow	C/CB	Tunisian Div XXXXXX XXX
2133	Ask message 0421 December 26	C/CB	Tunisian Div
27 Dec 42 1220	NMS FORT DU FAHS - J-8917 3 MI NE And SW road PONT DU FAHS to rd June J-9309. Definite NMS and rd S from PONT DU FAHS. 301 in farm J-6196 NMS road PONT DU FAHS BOU ARADA. Time over area 0900.	Air	
1410	Olive picking is starting n w throughout this part of the country. Troops bivouaged in Olive Groves must permit Olive pickers (Arab) to enter their area. There will be patrols of armed Sphais to look for enemy agents among them. Olive trees are very fragile. Troops will not harm them in any way except for cover. Keep hands off.	C/CB	All Units
1825	18 CT will practice firing 75mm and 105mm How 28 Dec in vicinity 3307 from 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs.	C/CB	Units & 18 CT
1825	C.O. report to HQ C/CB at 0930 hrs 28 Dec 42.	C/CB	2/6, C/67
1830	C.OI report to this HQ immediately.	C/CB	1/13; 2/13

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1950	Request that an officer of 32nd FA be present at a meeting at this HQ tomorrow (Dec 28) at 1930 hrs.	C/CB	18 CT
2000	Send liaison officer to CP at 0930 tomorrow. Prepare trains of 2 Bn 6th Inf for movement after 1230 tomorrow. Send Capt Ridding C/701 with LO.	C/CB	CO Tns
1400	Ref this HQ 0250 dated 14 Dec para (2) (a) and (b) road SOUK EL ARBA to LE KKF and to cross roads M 9581 now open to traffic two ways. All informed.	V Corps	C/CB
28 Dec 42 0830	Have Co B 47 Med establish treatment station at SILIAMA w/out delay reinforced by platoon of ambulances from 2 Bn 15th Med Regt.	C/CB	CO Tns
0830	Road SOUK EL ARBA to LE KKF to RJ N9581 open two way traffic.	C/CB	All Units
1229	To Seagull - V - Seagull is my 0446 clear and understood by you. If not I will send a staff officer to try and work it out for you if you would like me to do this.	V Corps	C/CB
1245	To Seagull - V - Seagull your 0446 clear except for two points. I have taken necessary action on both. Your Liaison officer can inform you. We will proceed in accordance with 0446 as amended unless otherwise notified.	C/CB	V Corps
	Order of battle - 1800 27 Dec Cop y #3	V Corps	C/CB
	French report 4 German MR IV tanks supported by enemy Inf at stationary 08388 at 1045 hrs. Tanks facing south and shelling. Attack is expected. Air support has been requested by 6 A.D.	6 AD	C/CB
1330	Ref this HQ 0446 dated 28. 27 FA Bn will come under comd C/CB and not repeat not 18 RCT. Appx Serial 4 Col C read TESTAUR calnf read TEBOURSOUK serial 6 colon C read BEJA calnf read BEJA	V Corps	C/CB
	One way traffic route on TEBOURSOUK - THIBAR - SOUK EL KHEMIS ROAD must be vigorously enforced. Route must be explained to drivers and severe disciplinary action will be taken against those contravening one way route. All informed.	V Corps	C/CB

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	The following German material was left by the German patrol which tried to enter our position at 0200 hrs today: Belted amm, amm container	2/6	C/CB
1810	RE you msg 1740 28 Dec. Request authority for DR's and staff officers on M/C and peep to traverse SOUK ELKHEMIS - THIBAR - TEBOURSOUK route against traffic routing provided. They pull to side and halt to let oncoming traffic pass. If this is not possible request radio silence be lifted to permit more rapid communication between adv and rear echelons C/CB.	C/CB	V Corps
1814	One way traffic on route direction TEBOURSOUK THIBAR SOUK EL KHEMIS must be rigidly enforced. Route will be explained to all drivers and severe disciplinary action taken against all offenders.	C/CB	All Units
1925	6 to 8 Mk IV tanks rptd 0-8187. Turned back by C Co 13th. Our loss 2 tanks, both recovered. Some prisoners taken with trucks and material. Lt. Col. John H. Todd, C.O. 1st Bn 13th killed by artillery fire about 15 miles NE ROBAA OS YAHIA.	Oral	
	Re our discussion this PM subject removal of cupalo MG of M-9 tank. You have authority to remove these guns. All guns removed will be employed on other vehicles such as peeps or turned in to S4 for disposition.	C/CB	2/13
<u>29 Dec 42</u>			
0407	Request air cover over area 0-7580, 0-9080, 0-7592 from 0800 hrs to 0930 hrs. JU 88 have bombed for three successive days supported by ME.	C/CB	7 ASC
0900	Ref yr msg No originators number. Will endeavor help.	AASC	C/CB
1140	Ack msg 0784 28 Dec	CCB	V Corps
1140	Return to this Hq w/out delay.	O/CB	V Corps
1400	Casualty report: 1st Bn 6th 3 men killed 2 officers injured 1 seriously injured 2 men minor injuries 2nd Bn 6th Maj McKnight & Capt Gibson wounded, 1 man badly injured & other casualties. Bombing took place abt 0930. Another bombing at 1130. No obvious damage but no report at this time	C/CB	V Corps
1342	Maj Abbott has been taken sick on his way back to you and has been sent to the 94th Gen Hosp Algiers. The party he was to bring up is coming on without him.	V Corps	C/CB

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1035	Ref Signal on way to you from AFHQ remove of Zunits AFHQ request you designate an officer to command detachment other than senior unit commander leaving. General C.M. predication not granted due to your rejoining parent organization. Question of laundry unit AFHQ checking on it Send request through V Corps if not already done. Ack.		1st Army C/CB
1110	Send capture mines booby traps uniforms arms for instruction (Oliver from McQuillin) Request Maj Arnold 16 Engr return to instruct.	AFHQ	C/CB
1450	Re your message of Dec 28. Unable to comply with your request at this time.	C/CB	AFHQ
1522	The CO 1st Bn 13 AR or his representative will report to the C of S C/CB at once.	C/CB	1/13
1117	This unit bombed at 0900 hrs and 0930 hrs today. Maj McKnight and Lt Gibson and 6 Bn wounded and evacuated. One EM seriously.	2/6	C/CB
1800	2 Bn 16th Med Regt is under control V Corps order of battle 1800 hrs 27 Dec.	C/CB	CO Tns
1815	Some units still lack straw for bedding. Straw is available by contact S-4 C/CB. Units will take steps to remove oaked mud from vehicles. Particular attention being paid to running gear, etc. All weapons will be brought to as high a state of cleanliness and serviceability possible under present conditions.	H/CB	All Units
1945	Request traffic THIBAR - TROUBSOUK be reversed for two hours period at tim set yz you night Dec 30/31	C/CB	V Corps
1830	Offensive sweeps carried out as follows: Area 08393 time 1100-1115 hrs. Area 09394 time 1340-1400. Area -8393 time 1430-1500.	AASO	C/CB
1940	Return to organization tonight following withdrawal of C-Co 13th.	C/CB	B/47
2300	British have planted booby traps throughout Goubellat. Safe only to use main roads through villages. Do not enter verges homes or side roads. French report 2 enemy tanks destroyed at 8388 and t at situation in this area now stabilized.	6 AD	C/CB
	Amendments to V Corps order of battle dated 27 Dec should be forwarded to V-Corps as soon as possible.	V Corps	C/CB

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0236	With reference to message about removal of 3 US units and designation of officer to command detachment V Corps give the following reply. This message does not apply as no U.S. units will be detached at the Corps Commanders request.	V Corps	C/CB
0830	Have officer who knows how C Co lost their two tanks report to HQ at once.	C/CB	1/13
0840	Vellum & Goubellat thoroughly booby trapped. Safe to use main roads only. Do not enter side roads or houses. Vehicles remain on road.	C/CB	All Units
0845	Memorial services for the late Lt Col John R Todd will be held this afternoon 1400 hrs at 1st Bn CP	1/13	C/CB
0845	Same as above to all units.		
1010	26 Dec - No losses 27 Dec - 1 75 SP (by direct hit large cal gun) 2 tanks (by direct hit of AT gun, 1 immobilized and later destroyed by our troops. 28 Dec - 4 tanks (2 hit by enemy later destroyed by own troops. 2 hit by French) 1 SP 75 hit by enemy later destroyed by own troops 29 Dec - 2 tanks (direct hit by large cal AT guns burned. Tanks had been ordered not to move.	C/CB	§ V Corps
	Units will not move into new locations or take over new accommodations in the corps area without referring to V Corps.	V Corps	C/CB
1230	Planes bombing north of us, fighter planes flying over.	2/6	C/CB
1505	Lt Overall, U.S. Air Corps, w/3 Cubs reported in to CP reference equip, rations and trucks.		
1541	Tech Bulletin #1 Allied Force Hq Subject Grenade Launcher.	AFHQ	C/CB
1115	Personal from Lt. Col Scott Foster to General Oliver. The enclosed msg was rec'd here yesterday. On receipt of this msg corps comd phoned 1st Army and tried to speak Army Comd. Army Comd out, Corps Comd spoke staff off and said that he did not want positions of your comd split up and used under the French. 1st Army then stated that if tps from your comd were not sent, then they must be found from 5 Corps. 6 Armd Div have now been detailed to prepare force equivalent to that demanded from you. No action from you is now necessary on 1st Army warning order. No other msg referring to W.O. has been rec'd at this HQ Coy Med Tks were also demanded. In place of the one sqn British tanks have been ordered to stand by. Corps Comd now gone 1st Army CP to discuss whole matter with Army Comd.		

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1045	Ref O-496 29th Areas of responsibility 18 RCT Medjez East up to bridge as laid down by BAD with 38 Inf Bde. Cds Bde Medjez west incl FR Garrison Medjez and FR Bns area Toukabour and Chaouach up to and incl East bank Oued Mejerda East is watched. 78 Div will lay down bridge for patrolling between FR bns Medjez west and 78 Div.		
1702	175 FA will fire small arms in area J-3213 from 0930 to 1600 hrs Dec 1942.	C/CB	All units in fwd area & V Corps
1735	Lt Gen Devers with staff arrived in CP.		
1855	Previous instructions re: - delousing are not being complied with. They are repeated here for strict compliance. Unit medical officers will inspect their units daily for 4 days after the last louse is found. Number of cases found will be reported to surgeon C/CB prior to noon daily. Negative reports will be submitted. Contaminated personnel will report to Medical Det 13 AR area at 1400 hrs daily with all equipment for transportation to delousing station at Co B 47 Med Bn.	C/CB	All units
1825	Is B Co 1st Bn 13 AR to move out if so at what time and what route.	C/CB	C/CB
1940	Cannon from V Army Corps now on way and will inform B Co 13th of movement details.	CCB	Co tns
31 Dec 42			
1890	Capt Butts going to hospital with a badly sprained ankle. Lt Fenn 106 CA Bn will act as PR-Off. Mr. Hoffman will act as postal officer.	AGO	C/CB
1445	Dated 29th. Regret you cannot repeat not be granted use of road night 30/31 Dec against traffic.	V Corps	C/CB
2240	There is considerable Arab exodus to the east Formations will take active steps to stop any large parties of Arabs moving east through our lines.	V Corps	C/CB
1840	601st TD is firing on range that Maj Zimmerman wanted to use today. Send word to this HQ where you plan on firing.	C/CB	2/13
1220	Alert one Btry for movement. CO of alert d Btry report to this HQ w/out delay.	CCB	601/106
1220	Alert unit for movement. Co report t/o this HQ w/out delay.	CCB	1/6

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0610	Force from Combat Command "B" consisting of 1 Bn from 6 Arm'd Inf, 1 TD Co and 1 AA "OO" Btry will be dispatched to FERIANA 31 Dec and coming under comd Col Raff on arrival advise action and ack rpt Adv rept center FTF, 12 Air Force support comd TEBESSA to adv 4 port center FTF Col Raff. Please arrange maintenance accordngly.		CCB
1025	Request unit designation-CMA strength in A number and type vehicles units moving FERIANA 31 Dec. Information necessary for supply. Reply at once.	1st Army	CCB
1255	Be at your CP at 1430 hrs to meet CG Armored Force. Full details of move given you then. Have guide to direct General's party.	CCB	1/6 Inf HARRISON
1385	Be at your CP at 1430 hrs to meet CG Armored Force. Have guides out to direct General's Party.	CCB	Maint Bn
1925	Your Bn w/Btry 106 CA (AA) and Co 601 TD Bn atchd will march to FERIANA 31 Dec/1 Jan reporting on arrival to Col Raff for instructions. Have adv detail move immediately reporting to 12 AF Support Comd TEBESSA. Full vehicular loads gas & oil, ammo, ration, 2nd and 3rd Comd. Report time departure and route to this HQ	CCB	1/4
1600	Contact CG C/GB and request him to contact V Army Corps regarding further information about your move.	CCB	1/6
1600	If CG C/GB is in your area requ-st him to contact V Army Corps.	CCB	C/Maint Bn
1695	B/13 Tanks will be on TEBOURSOUK LE KEF road from 1830 until 0130 tonight unless disapproved by you. Tanks are new and must have test running and road adjustment.	CCB	V Corps
2000	Red OO#5 from 6 AD		
2000	S-3 Rpt - 106 CA		
1822	HURRIBOMBERS atchd PENITENTARY 9994 - 1300 hrs. Several hits in target area. Buildings damaged. Fighters attacked isolated vehs. Some claimed destroyed. Some FLAK	6 AD	CCB
1530	Pepper to OLIVER. It is understood that you have recd a telegram of which no copy was sent to us ordering you to dispatch night 31/1 Jan a force of 1 Bn, 1 TD Co, 1 AA Btry to FERIANA. On arrival this force to come under order RAFF. You will NOT carry out this order or move this force except on order of this HQ. These orders are not likely to be issued until adequate Q-arrangements can be made. Will you please come and see Corps Comd at this HQ at 1830 hrs tonight, when comd will explain the matter fully to you.	V Corps	C/GB

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1 Jan 43	<u>TEBOUSSOOK</u>		
0215	Units detached from C/CB will prepare to move earliest possible to VERIANA. Maintenance as follows will accompany. Seven days sup POL sufficient to allow 200 mi radius on arrival. Ammo one unit of fire. Executive order to move will be given by this HQ. V C	C/CB	C/CB
0810	Unit Comdrs will instruct drivers of wheeled vehs to use the utmost care while driving thru the mts. Too many accidents have occurred when vehs go out of control due to speeding. Corrective measures will be taken at once.	C/CB	All Units
0853	Attention is directed to Sect II, Cir 21 AFHQ, 24 Dec 42 for strict compliance by unit CO & Med Off	C/CB	All Units
0840	2 Bn 16 Med Regt has been ordered move to vic of SOUK EL ARBA. Request one aid station be 1 ft with me. Does this meet with your approval.	CO Sup Bn	C/CB
0925	Rept in person to CP at once.	CCB	CO Ren Co
1010	In compliance w/5 Corps OP 0 3 the following will be brought to attention of all personnel. No lights will be used on vehs moving E or TEBOUSSOOK and BEJA. 7 of these places single vehs will use headlights. Vehs in convey will use headlights on leading veh of each block of 6. Sidelights or blackout lights on remaining vehs. All vehs will have headlights shielded as prescribed for use in BRITISH ILLS. Effective immediately vehs will not repeat not be operated in rear areas until headlights have been properly shielded.		CCB All
0840	In reply to msg 0840 negative re 16 Med will move as ordered.	CCB	CO Sup Bn
1240	Ack your 0553 and 0554	CCB	g V Corps
1010	The new Bailey Bridge at 4563316 will in future be known as Forth Bridge. Forth Bridge is only L24 and not rpt not L30 as previously stated. All informed.	5 Corps	CCB
1013	On Fd Btry from C/CB will come under comd 6 Armd Div veh 1800 hrs 1 Jan. Btry for employm nt with 18 RCT. Move will be arranged C/CB, 6 Armd Div direct. Ack.	5 Corps	C/CB
1445	1 Bn 13 AR will fire all day 2 Jan in area E of TEBOUSSOOK.	CCB	All Units
1425	Re msg 0553 today re parties rept to HQ 78 Div RA at 1600 hrs. Head of column be south of BEJA 2000 hrs tonight facing north. Off from 78 Div Adv Ech is on his way to you with details.	Cannon	CCB
1012	175 FA Bn will come under comd 78 Div will inform CCB of area to which 175 FA Bn is to move and coord move if rte is via MEJZE with 6 AD. ACK.	5 Corps	CCB

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1 Jan 43			
1500	New Bailey Bridge 4-563316 is named Fourth Birdge. Load limit 24 tons not 30 tons.	C/CB	All Units
1500	When did CO leave?	C/CB	1/2 Bn/6
1546	CO is here now.	1 Bn/6	C/CB
1550	Send 1 amb from 47 Med to 2 Bn 6 Inf at once. This will be atchd indefinitely. 2 Bn 6 Inf moves out of area tonight.	C/CB	CO Trains
	Co B 601 TD Bn ordered to join 2 Bn 6 Inf via of LE REF at 2130 hrs.		Oral Lt Col Russell
	Lessons from present campaign 5 Corps. Exotus of Arabs fr 5 Corps. S-3 Rpt 106 GA AA. RAF recogn signals 5 Corps. Air Intelligence Bulletin 242 RAF Line read 1830. Orgn - Give to C/S AW		
1905	There will be firing by 1 Bn 13 AR in area E of TSBOUSSOUK from 0830 to 1630 hrs Jan 2, 1943	CGB	All Units
1230	Check on orders moving 1 Bn 6 Inf as it is believed that it was intended to send the bn that has no armd vehs (2 Bn 6 Inf). However situation may demand 1 Bn - Happy New Year.	Gen Ward	C/CB
1735	2 Bn 6 Inf will leave area by 1930 hrs.	S Bn	CGB
1815	Moving 1930 hrs. 2 Bn 6 Inf leaving its area by 1930 hrs.	2/6	0/CB
	Your Bn will move into this area via SCUK EL KHETS - LE REF commencing at 2015 hrs.	C/CB	5 Corps
1930	There will be 37mm firing by 1 Bn 13 AR in area 350100 E of TSBOUSSOUK from 0830 to 1630 hrs 2 Jan	C/CB	5 Corps
0610	Force from C/CB consisting of one Bn on truck basis REF from 6 AD Inf one TD Co and one AA "AI" Btry will be dispatched to FERRANA 31 Dec/1 Jan coming under comd Col Raff on arrival. Advise action and ack rptd adv rpt center EBF. 12 Air Force Support Comd, TEBESSA for Col Raff C/CB one L of O area. Signed C in C secret. Ref our 3415 dated 28 TOO 2230 not to adv rept center EBF or Col Raff please arrange maintenance accordingly.	EBF T EBF	(0:19)
2 Jan 43			
0820	Rept to this CP immdiately.	C/CB	CO Ron Co
0945	The following casualties from action south of PONT DU FAHS. Orig strength 10 off 123 OR Killed -----1 Off 2 CR Missing -----1 CR Wounded and Evacuated -----11 CR * but not Evac -----3 Off 6 CR Total Casualties -----4 Off 20 CR		Lt Col Cairns OG 5 C

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1600	Yellow stars now on vehs for air recogn are to be replaced by white stars. The change will not be made until 1 Feb 1943. Issues of transfers will be made through normal Ord channels and are to be completed by 20 Jan 43 at latest.	V Corps	C/CB
1215	Send off to this HQ immediately. Alert 1 Btry for movement to vic this area tonight.	C/CB	GO 106
1214	Move tonight at 1830 hrs via LE KEF to area 0-2794. Send guides immediately to this HQ.	C/CB	1/6
1330	Change wording in msg this HQ directing you to move at 1830 hrs tonight to be prepared to move on order at 1830 hrs tonight.	C/CB	106 CA
1330	Msg from this HQ directing you to alert 1 btry for movement tonight is hereby cancelled.	C/CB	106
1330	Be prepared to turn 5 M tanks complete w/veh tools <u>can</u> <u>t</u> etc. over to 6 AD at 1300 3 Jan. Other details later.	C/CB	2/13
1545	ATT RUSSELL: Do you desire me to make distribution to rear ech units of your poop sheet re ARABS or do you want all copies sent to you.		
1610	Ref at plans identification light signals already distributed. These signals to be issued daily by Bn CO's to companies.	C/CB	All Units
1712	MSAR TYR (Gabs) successfully attacked by bombers at 1530 hrs.	AASC	C/CB
2000	Maj DEFFENBAUGH is relieved 1 Bn 6 Inf and assigned to 2 Bn 6 Armd Inf effective immediately.	C/CB	1-2/6
2020	Re request Bn cannot be moved present locatn to your location.	V Corps	C/CB
2040	No move tonight	C/CB	1/6

S-3 Rpt ~~is~~ 106 CA

3 Jan 43 TEBOURSOUK

1435	CCBS and Pilots at present atchd 651 A CP Sqn will come under Comd 27 FA Bn, C/CB at 0001 hrs 3 Jan AOK	V Corps	C/CB
1550	Ref 5 Corps Adm 0 No 6 del te par 7 substitute 7 movement in adv of eyeing up areas will be by night. Spacing and lighting of vehs will be in accordance with 5 Corps Adm 0 No 5. All informed AOK	V Corps	C/CB
0805	Ack msg 0599 dated 2 Jan and "Q"	C/CB	V Corps

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3 Jan 49	TEBOUSSOUK		
0900	ATT LT COL R: request answer to my 1545 msg 2 Jan	Trains	C/CB
0945	The answer to your 1545 msg 22 Jan is distribute the poop sheet re Arabs to reach ech units and send the rest up here.	C/CB	CO Trains
1004	12 men of your organization ready to rejoin outfit now located at I 3717 and will need transportation. They are with 701 TN at that location.	C/CB	18 CF
1310	Lt Van Nostrand report to this CP immediately	C/CB	Ren Co
1320	Verbal orders from CG V Army Corps via CG C/CB issued at 1320 hrs. directed that 1 Bn 6 Inf will move tonight. Time to be brought by Capt Cannon who is on his way here will inform 1 Bn 6 Inf of time of their movement. Schedule for move of all other units now in rear ech C/CB will be drawn up and submitted to Corps immediately. B Co-16 Engrs against parachutists. One btry 106 CA will also be left until last in rear area for protection of airfield.	CG V Army C via CG C/CB	CO Ren Co
1200	1/6 may move tonight 3/4 Join to area TEBOUSSOUK. Rd THIBAR - TEBOUSSOUK closed, W bound traffic 0001 hrs to 0400 hrs. Please arrange. Ack- 0608	V Corps	C/CB
1355	You still may want to move area C 2701. Rd THIBAR TEBOUSSOUK open to you 0001 to 0400 Hrs 4 Jan. Reach THIBAR by midnight.	C/CB	1/6
1415	Ack msg 0608	C/CB	V Corps
1500	A-3 Rpt. from 106 CA		
1720	You will not move tonight.	C/CB	1/6
	Ren sent should have arrived at LE KEF at 1300 hrs. (enveloped msg center TN 1635)	1/6	C/CB
2110	Move tomorrow night time later.	1/6	C/CB
2110	Btry D will move tomorrow night time route area later	106	C/CB
2110	Alert B 47 Med to move tomorrow night also det 2 Bn 13 AR. D btry 106 CA, 1 Bn 6 Inf will be alerted by this Hq to move same time.	CO Tns	C/CB
2115	Det tanks moves tomorrow night via THIBAR time later.	2/13	C/CB

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2034

32 FA at Medjes el Bab. Intention of RIF and LIR and RB is hold approximately Medjes-el-Bab -- Bou-Arada Road line. All company dispositions are on high ground West of this line excepting 1 company of FIF which is East. Patrols have extended up to 5 miles East of company locations.

6 AD C/CB

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0205

L. O. on way report his arrival.

V Corps C/CB

0755

You are alerted to move at dusk.

C/CB 2/13

0115

In confirmation verbal order. Coy 601 TD Bn now under comd 18 CT will move to area TEBOURSOUK before first light today. Coming under comd C/CB on arrival. ACK

V Corps C/CB

Most Secret. First Army have issued following warning order: It may be necessary to send a force from C/CB to ALDWYCK starting at dusk 5 Jan. Force at least one Med Armd Bn one Armd Inf Bn, one T.D. Coy. Full details later. About 3 days maintenance will be carried. Orders are being issued 6 Armd Div that Coy 601 TD Bn now with 1 CT will return to your comd before day 15 Jan. ~~Request that you contact 6 Armd Div to arrange RV and area for coy. A staff officer will be sent 5 Corp Hq at 0130 hrs 4 Jan to receive detailed orders.~~

V Corps C/CB

Your schedule for movements rear elements agreed incl 1/6 Bn night 4/5 Jan. Rd. Thibar Teboursouk open east bound traffic 0001 to 0400 hrs nights 4/5, 5/6, 7/8, 8/9 Jan. Rd your coln pass rd junc 115150030 hrs each night. Ack

V Corps C/CB

0930

Request daylight movement today. Three min interval via either route.

1/6 C/CB

1334

OK your msg 0930 via LE KEF. Lt Sneath will meet you at LE KRIB.

C/CB 1/6

1345

Turn over to 2 Bn one officer, one med officer and 44 m.n this afternoon.

C/CB 1/13

1430

Report in person at CT at once.

C/CB C/701

1555

Have you any information for us?

C/CB V G

1610

Are you moving? If so, will you close by dark?

C/CB 1/6

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1615	F Co 13th AR relieved 6 th Armd Div crosses Medjez Bridge 1800.	C/CB	F/13 Rear
1620	Be prepared to move tonight but do not pack up yet.	C/CB	Ren Co
1225	General DeRie French Cav will arrive C/CB about 1730 to see Gen Robinett	1st Army	C/CB
1910	Coy Grants 2/13 Armd Div Regt will move from Medjez the comd C/CB in Teboursouk area leaving Medjez 1800 hrs today 4 Jan. Comd 6th AD to use his discretion as to replacement from own resources. Ack.	V Corps	C/CB
1646	Situation unchanged.	French LO	C/CB
1645	16 Engr will fire 21 Rds practise 37mm at 0900 tomorrow.	Sup Bn	C/CB
1645	Movement ordered has been started Dj El Mengoub closed in bivouac at 2400 hrs. *ill clear rear echelon area at 1900 hrs.	1/6	C/CB
2134	Report to this CP at once.	C/CB	On 2/13
2255	Co F 13th AR closed in area at 2210	Oral from Col Russell	
1930	LO coming with orders REF OBVI dated 4 These affect 2nd Bn 13th AR, TD, AR regt, reas Coy and necessary maint only. No further action until LO arrives.	V Corps	C/CB
1852	One tenacle will be withdrawn 5 Jan from C/CB and will come under comd 6 Armd Div for use with 18 RCT. 7 AASC will arrange all details direct.	V Corps	C/CB
1830	MOSED. Confirming telephone conversation re: Stockdale. One med tk Bn and reas det esc C/CB will move aft r dark 4 Jan to concealed position SE of Tebessa. Movement by night only units taking cover by d y. On arrival Tebessa come under command Satin force. Confirmed also that C n Oliver may send such other detas E.G., T.D., as considered necessary. ACE	1st Army	C/CB
at 5 Jan 49 0920	1st Bn 6th Inf closed in bivouac at 0030	Oral	
0320	2nd Bn tanks from rear echelon closed in Tebourouk bivouac at 0315 hrs. 3 tanks fell out on road and will be in by 0410.	2/6	C/CB

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0031	This Hq requests that Reece be made for ford at 1st obstacle. Answer desired as possible reference other matter. Answer tomorrow.	V Corps	C/CB
0040	Ford Reece at daylight. However bridge may be completed. Does CG approve our route.	C/CB	V Corps
0050	Engrs here say bridge will not repeat not be ready. Route approved otherwise.	V Corps	C/CB
0945	Alert your command for movement today. L.O. now on way with instructions.	CCB	B/16
0840	To S-3 Request permission for Hq Btry 106 to move by individual vehicles this afternoon via Souk el Arba. Only six trucks involved.	106	C/CB
1000	Report to this CP at 1130	C/CB	2/13
1000	Re your msg 0840. Approved.	C/CB	106
1000	Verbal orders issued by Sg3 to Maint Co 13th AR to move without delay to Souk Ahras area where Co will receive inventory service and maintain new vehicles. Orders issued to Co 116. Engrs by way of Capt. Klous to move to same area to unload new vehicles and to command entire group incl Maint 13th.	C/CB	Maint Co
1125	Request permission to fire y-105mm 3 rds each beginning at 1400 hrs this date. Gun position 317132. Impact area - vicinity of 369117.	27 FA	C/CB
1130	RE: Your msg 1125 hrs. Approved.	C/CB	27 FA
1200	27th FA will fire 105mm this date at 1400 hrs. Gun position 317132. Impact area vicinity of 369117.	C/CB	All units
1215	One plt Co C Maint moves south tonight. Orders have been sent to them	C/CB	CC Trains
1220	3 Piper Cubs planes have been attached to C/CB. All personnel will be warned not to fire on these planes and following description will be read to all personnel.	C/CB	All u

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1220 (cont'd) High wing monoplane, Colof OD. Marking U.S. star on an erside of rightwing. U.S. stars on fuselage. These planes fly very slow and very low usually under 500 ft. Plane is smaller than any otherplane in the area.

1338 Col Rose of 30th will see you this P.M. re my mission. Do you want what details ~~known~~ I have now. People here unable to meet my request due to weight 1338.

V Corps C/CB

1445 Send once company to rear area for paratroop ~~xxx~~ duty. Company to move by infiltration at once. Company to occupy area near winery.

C/CB 1/6

1405 Send one company of 1st Bn 6th Inf back to rear area at once by infiltration stop. They replace engineers for paratroops duty Sunday.

V Corps C/CB

1116 OP reports artillery shells bursting area. J2075 time 1055

Fr LO C/CB

1908 In order to avoid confusion caused by practice field firing of both small arms and artillery, the following procedure will be adopted.

1. Formations will report the area and ~~time of firing~~ to ~~the~~ other formations affected, sufficient notice being given to insure that units can be warned.
2. Formations will also inform French authorities and any Fr ~~ne~~ troops in the neighborhood.
3. This HQ will inform General Juin's Hq.

V Corps C/CB

1630 B Co 16 Engr Bn left bivouac area rear echelon C/CB as ordered at 1345 hrs for Souk Ahras. This mission to obtain and provide security for new halftrack vehicles for C/CB

Oral

1630 Maint Co 13th AR left bivouac area in three groups for Souk Ahras area to maintain and service replacement H/T for C/CB. 1st Gr left bivouac at 1300 hrs - 2nd Gr: 1500 hrs, 3rd Gr: 1730 hrs. Entire company cleared bivouac 1815 hrs.

Oral

1600 A ~~unit~~ treatment platoon of 47th Med Bn is attached to your column. They have been instructed to fall in behind 601st. They will join at Le Krib.

C/CB 601

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>TEBOURSOUK</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISP</u>
5 Jan 49		Lt Beale carrying verbal orders to B Co 47 Med to LE KRIB area, via TEBOURSOUK by 2130 hrs tonite.	Russell	
		D Btry will move to Gafour area at 2200 tonite.	C/CB	106
1815		Maintenance Co cleared biv area at 1815.	Mt Co	C/CB
1830		Train HQ and person 1 section moving to LE KRIB as-directed.	Sup Bn	C/CB
2000		Verbal orders of S-3 to Capt Pandet directed move of B Co 47 Med from LE KRIB in order to c&ce in SOUK EL KHEMIS area by 0630 hrs 6 Jan.	Lt Col Russell	
		Col Brucker rpts old CP closed 1530 new CP at 1530. CP moved at same time 106 CA AA.	Col Brucker	
1830		Situation 1800 hrs quiet ten Stukas bombed RR at 04399 no damage. Tonight area O-8075 will be occupi d by 3 Bn 3 Regt R.I.E. Weather overcast cloud 4000 warmer wind north.	Lt Frank	C/CB
2220		1 Bn 1 A th no longer with this command. 2 Bn 13 CP changing location, unknown at pres-nt.	Long	Frank
6 Jan 49				
0120		Ref 0645 dated 4 Jan 2/16 Med Rgt will be prepared to revert C/CB not later than 10 Jan pending final ruling 4210. 4210.	7 Corps	C/CB
0843		Ack msg 0684		
0855		Attention S-3 all in bivouac	Serv Co	C/CB
0910		Surgical section Co B 47 Med arrived at assigned point.	B7 Med Bn	C/CB
0840		Rept shortage of tanks repeat tank comouflage nets as soon as possible.	C/CB	1/13
0920		2 enemy airplanes attacking machine gunned road and cr RR area GAFOUR ref letter O-3995.	French	C/CB
1015		No move tonight for rear ech and train Hq and C Co Maint Bn changed tonight of Jan 8/9. B Co 47 Med Bn returned to SOUK EL KHEMIS area last nite.	C/CB	V Corps
1135		B Btry will pass IP at twelve midnight tonight.	C/CB	106
1105		To S-3 part of unit code sign follows 47 Med Bn has returned information is desired as to the disp of Unit code sign follows 47 Med ans whos order were they moved.	Sup Bn	C/CB

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISP</u>
	Det Co B 47 Med to remain in old area until further orders. Det moved on order CG C/CB	C/CB	CO-Sup Bn
	In order to avoid any confusion caused by practice field firing of both small arms and arty, the following procedure will be adopted.		
	(1) Formations will rpt the area and time of firing to this HQ with copies to other formations affected, sufficient notice being given to ensure that units can be warned.		
	(2) Formations will also inform local French authorities and any French Troops in neighborhood.		
	(3) This HQ will inform General JUNES Hq at 4 Jan 0648	V Corps	C/CB
1223	Due to security measures there will be no more range firing of any kind in this area.	C/CB	All Units
1040	Two ME 109's were flying low over area.		
1510	Your movement scheduled for tonight cancelled. Units in rear areas will be left there until dummy vehs are placed in area by the British. This will be accomplished in the next few days. Co B 47 Med returned to your area until this is accomplished. Object - deception to the enemy.	C/CB	CO Trains
1625	Report to this CP at once.	C/CB	CO 1/13
1415	Return urgently required showing location of all farms occupied by ITFS in 5 Corps area will be forwarded to reach this HQ by 2000 hrs 9 Jan 43. All informed	V Corps	C/CB
1725	Attention S-9: Advise if Co B Sup Bn is to move night 7/8.	Sup Bn	C/CB
1720	Maj Hopkins will not release Btry B for movement tonight. What are your wishes. Brucker	106	C/CB
1750	Release Btry B, 106 CA for movement to this vic tonight. What are your wishes. Brucker.	106	C/CB
1700	RAF recognition signals	V Corps	SOI
1740	Request auth to keep B Btry and A btry 106 CA in this area until we move.	Sup Bn	C/CB
1830	B Btry will move tonight as directed	C/CB	CO Trains
1700	No further information yet ref 0645 dated 4 Orders soon as ----- here 0654	V Corps	C/CB
1945	Do you have a reply for msg 1730. Brucker	106	C/CB

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6 Jan 43 2010	CG Trains notified at 1830 hrs to release B Btry 106 CA for movement tonight.	C/CB	106 CA
1920	ATT: S-3. I desired to meet you on important matters of rear echelon set-up or I would not have requested such a meeting therefore I will try to get to your HQ tomorrow.	Sup Bn	C/CB
2000	Sorry I cannot come over tomorrow. Sugg st you come here.	C/CB	CG Trains
1935	Delete 1 Bn 18 Med Rgt from order of Battle cmd of 2 Bn 16 Med Regt laid down in our 2652/Q1 dated 4 Jan 0703	5 Corps	C/CB
2215	Ack 0693 - Amend No 2 - Order of Battle	5 Corps	C/CB
2045	Draw arrange trial and report on AF discharger M6 reported effective against tks. Have arranged loan from C/CB. Early report required.	V Corps	C/CB
7 Jan 43 0845	Major Hopkins report to CP without delay.	C/CB	CG Trains
2100	Arrived Constantine 2100 hrs sent Hopkins and Williams with all their equipment to report as soon as possible	CG 1 AD	C/CB
1800	Request permission for Capt Samuel S. Gregory, 00395753 and 1st Lt August Koenig O-451326, accompanied by 38 drivers and mechs to proceed to ORAN, Algeria, immediately to drive back 2 1/2 tons trucks which are available for issue to this Bn.	106	C/CB
1515	Msg Ref 0645 dated 4, 2/16 Medical Regt will be prepared to move with C/CB	V Corps	C/CB
1000	Our force arrived safely. Now under CG SATIN force air corps reported 85 enemy tks in Arab tents at xxxx T-6380 1700 6 Jan. Rept considered doubtful, probably French camp ground ren estab toward all threatened points. Supply agencies are not well estab. At TEBESSA CG Satin force stated your S-4 would supply my force which consists of 2 Bn, 13 AR, and dets 601 TD Bn less two coo and two ron plts, and one Plt 47 Med Bn. Via Mgr 1915	601 TD	C/CB
8 Jan 43 0140	Confirmed C/CB under 1 AD forthwith but may not be moved without agreement of this HQ. Authority AFHQ 4564 dated 7th. All ack. 0960	C/CB	5 Corps
0710	Ack msg 0960 date 8 Jan	C/CB	5 Corps

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8 Jan 43 TEBBOURSOOK

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISP</u>
	C Co Maint Bn will remain in present location until further orders. Trains HQ will pass IP at 2410 hrs tonight and A Btry 106 CA will pass KP at 0015.	C/CB	CO Tns/Maint
0945	Robinett with staff previously set up and Ron Co 13 AR move to biv 2 Bn 13 AR SE TEBESSA at once. Daylight moving by infiltration. Closed in Biv by 2400 8 Jan. Robinett report to Porter at TEBESSA earliest possible moment.	16 Engr	
1300	Hq 13 AR started movement to n-w area & R/13 AR		
1340	Have officer report to this HQ immediately with full details regards to your strength number of vehs, etc.	C/CB	CO 5 FA Bn
1420	CO 106 CA & Btry will move tonight. Head of column will pass IP at 0020 hrs 1/9.	C/CB	106
1525	Report to this CP immediately	C/CB	CO 106
1440	Planes attached to this unit will test flight and landings for ground crew training 1700 hrs this date in vic 3408	27 FA Bn	C/CB
1600	1. With approval of C/CB 2 Bn 16 Med Unit as is placed under Comd DMS 5 Corps as from 001 hrs 3 Jan 2. Arrangements for maint and adm of unit will be mad by mutual agreement DMS and C/OB	5 Corps	C/CB
	It is notified for your information that with effect from 10 Jan 43 2 Bn 16 Med Regt will revert to C/CB	5 Corps	C/CB
	Topographical information.	5 Corps	C/CB
	Strength report 5 FA Bn	5 Corps	C/CB
	Amendment #300 order of battle		
	Ack to above		
1225	Rpt from 2/6 on trip and units		
1640	5 tank transporters will rpt at 1830 today to C Co Maint Bn to carry 4 M-4 and 1 M-3 tank to TEBESSA area	C/CB	1 Prov Ord
1600	106 CA (AA) Bn less Btry at FERIANA will move tonight to TEBESSA. Inform Dist move SOUK AHRAS of route and timings. ACK 0746	Corps 5	C/CB
1745	Ask your 0746 of this date	C/CB	V Corps
1745	Rpt to this CP immediately. Alert Hq btry for move tonight.	C/CB	106

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TIME
1900

MESSAGE

C Co Maint Bn will not move tonight.

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C/CBDISP
V Corps

2020

RE: Your 0746 msg. Request you notify distreet movement of following: D Btry 106 CA left GAFOUR area at 1830 hrs to proceed via LE KRIF - TABERROUANE RJ at KALAA - DJERDA - TREBESSA. A Btry leaves at 2300 hrs from SOUK EL KHEMIS via SOUK EL ARBA and then same route as D Btry. Time limit past IP ten min each ~~XX~~ Btry. HQ Btry leave LE KRIB 2300 hrs using route of D Btry. Time limit past IP five min. Rate of march - 12 mph GCB V/Corps

9 Jan 43

0535

TEBOUSSOUK

Have Frank report here with what he has been using

13 AR

C/CB

0930

When we can contact Frank we will send him

C/CB

13 AR

1055

Have you finished all necessary work so that you can move to this area tonight. Answer immediately.

CCB

C/Maint Bn

1125

Send coordinate location in code immediately of farm house occupied by rear Ech and Trains HQ

C/CB

Trains

1300

Col Rose report to Gen Oliver at 5 Corps HQ at 1500 hrs today.

C/CB

1st Ord Bn

1310

Coordinates as requested rear ech at 0118 Tn HQ 01189

Maint Co C/CB

1420

Report your IP for tonight and time of departure.

C/CB

Btry A/106

2 Bn 6 Inf with Btry C, 106 CA and B Co 601 TD moved to TREBESSA and joined Col Raff comdg a force known as TUNISIAN TASK FORCE which consisted of 1 Co of Paratroops 3 Bn 26 Inf, Co B 701 TD, Co A 70th Tank Bn (16 tanks) and a small service unit. Arrived biv area 6761 at 2330. Co B 601 TD attached to Col Raff and moved to FERIANA. Co C 106 CA moved to airport at THELEPTE. 2 Bn 6 Inf remains in biv as mobile reserve. The French Walnut Division is operating in a section south of PICHON. Recommend representative C/CB S-4 be sent to this area. No medical facilities. Combat efficiency of Bn is seriously handicapped by lack of radio communication. 2/8 6 Main

1600

Have you finished all present work? If not send by statement by this msg as to what work you have to perform and what time and date you will be fully ready to move.

If you are now ready to move alert your company for move here tonight. Reply must urgent so we can obtain road space for you from V Corps. If you move it will be via THIBAR - TEBOUSSOUK. IP at RJ BEJA - THIBAR rds. Time to pass IP will be given you later. Msg sent 1055 hrs today re your status but no reply here yet. Reply using this msg and also by radio. C/CB Maint Bn

1620

IP at LE KRIB head of column at 1730 hrs.

A/106

C/CB

1620

Do not move until 1800 hrs.

CC/B

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TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DEP
1630	Request use of THIBAR - TEBOURSOUK rd for one and one-half hrs tonight as early as possible for movement of Co C Maint Bn to TEBOURSOUK answer	C/CB	5 Corps
1705	Cancel msg of 1630 on movement of C/Maint	C/CB	5 Corps
1710	Re your 608 following are coordinates of area farm occupied by our troops: O-1188 and O-1189 Informed by Maj Gen that move cancelled for tonight transporters not arrived to this hour 1615.	C/CB	5 Corps
1740	All present work has been finished. Move cancelled by Gen Oliver t is PM 1620 two transporters reported at 1730 will send four tanks to TEBESSA tonight.	C/Maint	C/CB
1935	Situation quiet troops in place CP SBETIA. Doing active run.	CO 13	C/CB
10 Jan 43	TEBOURSOUK		
2145	Are one two fires on the way	13 AR	C/CB
2240	Answer to above no.		
2340	Request Arnold with all available maps of area and Crockett be sent at once.	13	C/CB
0845	RE your 2240 9 Jan Crockett left here with your column and must be in your area. Arnold not available. All available maps sent as per original request. All units have been issued their complete supply of sets. May be possible to procure individual sheets if necessary. Requisition these by number.	C/CB	13
	To date 60M2 and 40 MG H/Ts have arrived. We now have 41 M2 H/Ts in our area. 6 Inf have balance 1900	16 Engr	C/CB
	A Btry 106 CA passed IP at 1908 hrs.		
1045	Want to see you CONSTANTINE as soon as possible. WARD. Ack.	CG 1AD	C/CB
1255	Gen Oliver is now on the way	C/CB	1 AD
1445	IP for move tonight is RJ J2909. Pass IP at 1800 hrs.	B/106	C/CB
1600	5 Corps orders 770 re: Movement of troops from SOUK EL KHEMIS area to TEBOURSOUK.	V Corps	C/CB
0815	It is highly important that we have Frank and his radio & r. Crockett and his air groundset and Maj Arnold. The arty requested by Gen Port r has not arrived; please expedite	CO 13	C/CB

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10 Jan 43 TEBOURSOUK

TIME
1635

MESSAGE

ORIGIN

DISP

RE: Msg 0815:

Frank on way to you. Crockett left here with HQ 13 A^H.
Maps left with ammo train tonite. Arnold not available. Arty
requested by Gen Porter was 106 CA and confirmed by AFHQ.
They have already left for TEBESSA. No other troops to
leave here without authority AFHQ.

C/CB

CO 13

1735

RE: your 0815 (1) Frank just arrived from previous mission and will leave here for you HQ as soon as possible to arrive there sometime tonight. Will give him this msg (2) Crockett left here with Buckingham's column and should be with you. He is not here. (3) Maps left with Ammo train (Studer) about 1630 hrs. They include issues that 2-Bn 13 AR failed to pick up before leaving plus those requested by you. There are no others available except for possible old sheets that may be had if you request them by number. Even then we can't promise to fill the order. (4) Gen Porter requested arty after telephone conversation with Gen FREDENDAHL. A second telephone conversation changed request from 27 FA to 106 CA. This Bn left here (HQ & D on nite 8/9 - A on nite 9/10 & B leaves tonite) for TEBESSA. This was confirmed by AFHQ who also ordered that no other troops would leave this area except on their orders. According to that Rcn 13 AR should not have gone but as they were already on way we did not stop them. (5) Arnold is involved in camouflage job here and cannot leave. (6) Gen Oliver and Maj Smart have gone to L AD CONSTANTINE to get things lined up and questions answered. We have been under 1 AD since 7 Jan (7) Germans attacked BCU ARADA but were repulsed. 6 AD counterattacked. Results unknown at present otherwise no change in situation here. Frank has some good info on train in your area. (8) From what Frank tells me I think you should take Co A 70th Tr Bn under your wing at least for supply and maintenance also TD's in that area (pl't A & 601 TD and Co B 701) (9) We expect to remain here at least thru the 12 Jan. (10) 4 M-4 tks with crews left Co C Maint Bn for biv SE of THALA last night. No other information.

COB

CO 13

1820

B Btry 106 CA passed IP at 1801, last veh cleared IP at 1818

Cml

1915

B Co 1 Bn 6 Inf will rejoin you nite Jan 11/12 IP C/CB at RJ 1629. Pass IP 0001 hrs. Clear 0020 hrs. Move via THIBAR - TEBOURSOUK rd. Notify them.

C/CB

1/6

1900

Units listed below will move via THIBAR - TEBOURSOUK night of Jan 11/12. The IP the same RJ 1629. Direct B Co 47 Med Bn to have LO and guides rpt to this CP before 1500 hrs, 11 Jan. B Co 6 Inf pass IP 0001 hrs. Clear 0020 hrs. B Co 47 Med Bn pass 0025 hrs clear 0035 hrs. C Co Maint Bn pass 0040 hrs - clear 0100 hrs.

C/CB

CO Trains

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISP</u>
2025	Situation quiet. Crockett here. Our ren continues in with air force. Made patrol activities both sides continue in fwd areas.	13 AR	C/CB
<u>11 Jan 43</u>	Amend No 5 to 5 Corps Order of Battle 1430: Report as soon as possible amount of transport required to move your unit incl baggage. Negative rept is desired. C/CB	Hq 13 AR	
1505	Did you notify B Co 47 Med to have Ln Off and guides report to C/CB Hq before 1500 hrs. Answer immediately.	C/CB	CO Trains
1510	Require 3 trks 2 1/2 ton to move orgn	701	C/CB
1515	No additional transports required to move	Det C/CB	C/CB Hq
1555	27 FA will move tonight 11/12 Jan to SBETLA (T2974) Move by night only lining up by day. Report to Gen Robinett on arrival. Take 3 day maintenance. Ack. Direct 1st Army also 5 Corps.	5 Corps	C/CB
	27 FA Bn moved to new area 2130.		

12 Jan 43

	Co B 6 Inf passed IP at 1210 - closed 1020 B 47 Med passed IP at 1230 - 1245 - closed 0220 C 47 Med passed IP 1255 - 0115 - closed 0136		
2130	In the event that any more units are sent to this comd route LE REF * THALA * KASSERINE * SBETLA	CO 13	C/CB
	At mines were laid night 10/11 at 1377. Believed British. Mines laid by Arabs. All units will take steps to see that no Arab has access to dumps or minefields. Rds and tracks are to be patrolled in future to prevent recurrence.	78 Div	

13 Jan 43 Still TEBOURSOUK

	1 Plt Co C 701 TD moved S BOU CHEKKA.		
0950	Request Serv Co less 1 Bn section be sent to join 2 Bn section now at KASSERINE at present we are very short on truck transportation. Request for this move has been made thru CG Sasin force. Movement requested for night 13/14. Guides will meet CG J 599650.	CG 13	CCB
1845	Alert your company less 1st Bn 13 AH section for movement tomorrow night 14/15	C/CB	Serv/13

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14 Jan 43 TEBOURSOUK

TIME

MESSAGE

ORIGIN

DISP

1510 Request RAF recognition signals, flare, of multi
motored aircraft. Our present list expires today
and we want those for 15 Jan to 21 Jan. C/CB 5 Corps

1715 Ref our H25 dated 12 and your reply SOUK EL KHEMIS
A60 5 Corps C/CB

1807 Any msg from Army or Higher Jasper is same as
Ground nut ack. 049 5 Corps C/CB

25 Jan 43 TEBOURSOUK

0930 6 Off & 105 EM arriving at SOUK EL KHEMIS 18 Jan
as replacements for your comd. Make arrangements
for picking them up. C/CB 5 FA Bn

1245 Re msg NR 921. Grps 3 we do not have decoding
machine at this HQ so we are unable to understand msg. C/CB AFHQ

Gen Oliver requests that you and such other offa of
your bn that you think necessary report to him at HQ
C/CB at 1400 hrs 16 Jan to give him a complete story
of your operation to the NE of MEDJEZ EL BAB. C/CB 1/6

13/3217 period thirteen 2nd Corps direct return of
and accounting of gold issued for GRAN operation.
Expedite. NR 92

CG II C C/CB

16 Jan 43 TEBOURSOUK

1600 2 Bn 16 Med Reg will be attached to 1 AD for the
forthcoming operations and will immediately establish
liaison with CG C/CB. NR 467

1609 5 FA Bn will be attached to 1 AD for forthcoming
operations and will immediately establish liaison with
CG C/CB CG II C C/CB

2000 Move Serv Co less 1 Bn sec to KASSERINE area per
your request. CG 1 AD C/CB

0940 5 FA Bn & 2/16 Med Rgt attached to 1 AD for operation.
They will maintain liaison w/CCB. Ser Co (-1 Bn Sect)
will move at dark tonite. Total 27 trks McNamara has
some in area SW of THALA and has his area plucked out already.
If you want Serv Co in some other area send guides to meet
them at THALA. Expect to move 1 Bn 13 AR by transporter when
time comes. C/CB 13

0900 Report to this CP immediately. C/CB CO Sv Co

1130 British Cipher det with C/CB will report to HQ
1st Army, forthwith, for duty with U.S. 2nd Corps.
Full equipment will be brought exc pt for one copy
each of EX 631 and EX 705/A which will remain with C/CB.
Auth AFHQ letter CS/3 dated 11 Jan 43. Hq 1st Army C/CB

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16 JAN 43

TIME DATED	MESSAGE	ORGIN	DISP.
1015	Re radiogram NRA467 C/G B 15 Jan 43 Lt Henry Meszatesta MG this orgn is designated liaison-off with Hq C/G-B and will report there immediately.	2/16 Med	C/G B
0927	Priority units - Serv 13AR Co B 16th Engrs, 1 Bn 6 Inf, CG 13AR 1/13 A.R. First transporter loads 1/13 AR should move with 1/6 Inf. Remaining units as you desire. Send all units to THALA woods. We will have guides at bivouac areas. Notify us of time of movement of each unit. Give us this info by our msgr.	13AR	C/G B
1210	Circumstances permitting request you come to CONSTANTINE for orientation tomorrow 17 Jan. WARD ACK	CG 1st AD	C/CB
1545	ACK msg-originator number 1 dated 16 Jan. Robinett at SBEITLA. Am forwarding msg to him.	C/CB	CG 1 AD
1730	Alert one btry for move to GAFSA tonight. Have Btry Comdr report to this OP at once.	C/CB	5 FA Bn
1500	Send your msg to Gen Porter at GAFSA. Btry Comdr report Gen Porter at TEBESSA Btry move by day and night route need not repeat not be via TEBESSA. Report time Btry is starting. Auth 1st Army 0500 dated 16 ACK 083	V Corps	C/CB
1800	Ask your msg 083 dated 16 Jan	C/CB	V Corps
1845	D Btry - 5 FA Bn moving out 2000 hrs tonight for GAFSA.	C/CB	5 FA Bn
1845	XXXXX Move 1 Btry to GAFSA starting tonite. Btry comdr report to Gen Porter at TEBESSA. Btry move by day and night. Route need not be via TEBESSA.	C/CB	5 FA Bn
1730	Serv Co 13 AR 1 ft biv area to go to THALA. Cleared biv area at 1740.	C/CB	
1820	5 FA Bn less one Btry probably leave TEBOURSOUK area dusk 18 Jan C/CB xxxx probably moves 2 groups. 1st group dark 20 Jan 2nd group dark 21 Jan. Auth 1st Army 058 dated 16 Jan ACK 089	5 Corps	C/CB
2000	Ask your msg 089 dated 16 Jan 43. Also ACK 083 same date.	C/CB	5 Corps
1730	Send PHILIPSBORN and SMART with Co B 16 Engrs less 1 plt and 2 Bn section of Maintenance Co, 13 AR to Robinett at SBEITLA tonight. ACK WARD	CG 1 AD	C/CB
2125	ACK your msg with no originators number dated 16 Jan; pertaining to Smart and Philipsborn.	C/CB	CG 1 AD
2330	Co B 16 Engrs Bn ordered to SBEITLA, 1 Plt 16 Engr atchd to you. You are responsible for all R/Ts not turned over to units.	C/CB	Maint Bn

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16 Jan 43 TEBOURSOUK

TIME

MESSAGE

ORIGIN

DTSP

2330

Your Co less 1 plt report to Gen Robin tt at Sb. itla immediately. One plt attached to Maint Co 13th AR

C/CB

Co B/16

2353

Have Lt Davidson and his air support party return to Div Hq immediately.

CG 1 AD

Gen Robinett

17 Jan 43

Your presence here Jan 17 not required. Will send staff officer to you with information tomorrow.

CG 1 AD

CG 13 AR

0100

Same as above to Gen Robinett plus - Smart will report to you Jan 17. Lt Bliss 1 plt on way to you. Maint Sec 2nd Bn also on way.

C/CB

CG 13

2040

Following units will be alerted effective 1500 hrs Jan 17 to move on four hours notice to assembly area south of Thala. 1st Bn 61 NR Plat 39 Cannon Co, 1 Co 1st Bn 13 AR plus such other tanks that may be sent by tank transporters. Also service elements.

CG 1 AD

C/CB

2100

Alert your Bn to move on four hours notice after 1500 hrs 17 Jan to assembly area South of Thala. You report to CG C/CB at 0930 hrs 17 Jan with any other officers you deem necessary to discuss operations of your Bn during period 3rd to 11 Dec incl.

C/CB

Co 1/6

0823

Bn Comdr has not returned from con. Are other officers desired at meeting at 0930

1/6

C/CB

0905

Send up other officers who know full story of your past actions Dec 6 - 11 for 0930 hrs meeting.

C/CB

1/6

0935

1-Bn 6th Inf 39 Cannon Co, A Co 1st Bn 13th, plus what additional tanks for which transporters are available are alerted to move to area S of Thala on 4 hrs notice after 1500 today. Gen Oliver will arrive your CP this PM to spend night. Unless you desire otherwise, I will send tank platoon C/CB to you by first available transporters.

C/CB

CG 13

0940

Alert your Bn for a probable move south tomorrow 18th Jan at dusk.

C/CB

CO 5 FA

1300

The 1st Bn 13th AR will be firing 75mm in the area of J 314116 from 0900 - 1600 hrs 18 Jan and 5th FA Bn, rifle

C/CB

V Corps
6 AD
All Units

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17 JAN 43
0830

TEBOURCOUK

MESSAGE-

ORIGIN

DISPN

Your command less elements now near SBEITLA will move by night marching in three serials (each serial to commence and complete the march during hrs of darkness) on nights of Jan 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, from present locations to assembly area in woods 20 miles north west of Kasserine.

CG 1 AD

C/C B

1450

ask to above

C/C B

CG 1 AD

Orders received to move in three serials on nites 18/19, 19/20, 20/21. Maint Co (Rolph agrees best plan) will move nite 18/20 to area already run near Kasserine and will drop surplus H/Is vicinity Bou Chobla guarded by plat Co B 16 Engr unless other instructions received prior to them. Other movements as follows: Nite 18/19, 1/8 Inf Cannon plat 39 Inf, 5 tanks C/C B, 5 spare lt tanks from Co C Maint Bn and Det 18 AR consisting of Det Lt Co and Co-B w/25 tanks. The 33 transporters are to return here on nite 19/20 to pick up remaining tanks for movement nite 20/21. On nite 18/20 5 FA Bn (-Btry) and 2/16 Med moves south. On nite 20/21 Co C/701, C/Maint Bn, H/47 Med, B/Supply Bn, 1st Bn 23 AR (-det and whats left of C/C B Hq all units move to area 20 miles from KASSERINE except Maint 15 AAs. Arrange guards and assignment to div areas.

C/C B

CG 15 AR

Other details later.

1350

Message arrived too late to arrive under cover of darkness tonight. Will arrive nite of 18 Jan. Officer will report to you in the morning.

16 Engr

C/C B

1900

24 replacements for 27th FA arrived here at 1730 hrs and will remain here tonight. They were with trucks that brought mail. Gen Oliver wants mail broken down tonight. Send C/C B mail here by this messenger so Gen Oliver can have it before he leaves tomorrow also send mine to me Thanks.

C/C B

Capt Barrow

1400

State time of departure and expected time of arrival of units coming here so we can place guards. Have not located Co B 16th Engr. Air support unit arrived at noon today.

CG 15 AR

C/C B

18 JAN 43
0830

Gen Oliver and Lt. Pool left for Sbeitla enroute to USA.

Read and ask the attached movement order and return to this Hq. Your movement orders from this Hq will be issued later today.

C/C B

5 FA Bn

0710

Following First Army No 078 dated 17 instructed C/C B initiate following move. 1. C/C B with 5 FA Bn less 1 Btry and 2 Bn 16 Med Regt attached will move from Tebourcouk to bivouac area 10 miles South of Thala. Route Lakof - Tadjerouine - Kalaui method - entraining (ps to leave darkness 18, 19, 20 Jan. Trs will bivouac 10 miles south of Thala by dawn after first night march. (2) 5 FA Bn less one btry leaving Thala after

5 Corps

C/C B

C/C B to arrive Forlona by 1200 hrs 23 Jan. route via Kasserine. (3) Instructions for march (a) black out lights only (b) silence during all moves (c) minimum one basic load amm will be carried all units. (4) Orders issued from Frendall. Obtain ask from C/C B and 5 FA Bn and report this Hq.

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MESSAGE
TREPONKOUK

ORIGIN

DISPOSITION

0050

Platoon Cannon Company move serial Nineteen, Ask. CG 1 AD

2 Bn 16 Mod Regt arrived IP 1850 - cleared 1945
5th FA arrived IP 2100 - cleared 2140

20 JAN 45
0050

Liaison officer will inform you of situation. The corps commander directs that you move your force at once to Sbetta where you will maintain effective reconnaissance toward Maid and Fondouk and will be prepared to support the French in event of a hostile breakthrough in either direction in event of immediate danger. You are authorized to initiate action without reference to me in which case you will immediately inform me of your plans and actions. Contact French commander at Sbetta and take over telephone communications with me. Send liaison officer to Tebessa.

0050

I will arrive Sbetta this PM. Take such action Cairns CG 1/6th Inf as you see fit until I get there. Send liaison officer to Gen Robinett to get his situation. 5 FA
~~Send liaison officer to Gen Robinett to get his situation. 5 FA~~
possible action.

0016

Gen Robinett force moved from Sbetta to block Cairns 5 FA Bn enemy threat from Kobna (O-0172) Kern with Shapiro's tanks attached has moved to Sbetta to block threat from Fondouk or Maid. Alert your Bn for possible action toward Sbetta.

LIAISON REPORT

17 Jan 45 German attack 6th Arm Division (2nd). Reported 25 German tanks attacking from N.E. (J6809), 28 German tanks from E (J6806) and 12 German tanks and Infantry at (O-8394). 10 to 15 German tanks reported out (None verified). Report 20 tanks attack French (J-7560). Heavy fighting. Situation very favorable.

18 Jan 45 enemy tanks (2nd in 7th Panzer Regt 10th Panzer Div) forced back from (J-7590) to (J-7500). (7th Panzer Regt came from Wan Agia 15 Jan 45) Reports now total 16 enemy tanks out, unverified.

19 Jan 45 1st and 4th Koch Bn (J-6809) and Bn 7th Panzer Regt withdrawn replaced by March Bn 24. Enemy self-propelled guns of Acr.534 supporting all positions. 2 Co March Bn at Kouz Zilla (O-7892) and 2 Co March Bn at (J6806). Enemy moving South (500 Infantry and 12 tanks) (O-7487). French report strong enemy force of 4000 to 5000 men mounted in trucks moving south at (O-7894). 6th AD doubts this. Points (J-6809) and (J-6707) held by enemy. Strong enemy road block supported by self-propelled guns at (J-7400). Pont du Sah - Kobna road heavily travelled. Enemy using 43 and 54 tanks. 6th AD destroyed 8 enemy tanks (knocked-out) by demolitions, were unable to reach 5 others. 6th AD estimates at least 50 more enemy tanks out.

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LIAISON REPORT (CONT'D)

Miscellaneous:

1. 6th AD now has only Grenadier Guards attached and in Bou Arad area. 18th CT to 78th Div at 1200, 19 January 1943.
2. Very strong patrol 36th Brigade attempting flanking movement to N of advanced positions. No reports to 6th Corps 19 Jan 1943.
3. 4th Co 754th 1st Superia Div on Langstop Hill.
4. Battalion 754th reported at (J-7552).
5. Prisoners of war report German Egt at Bouaf.
6. 19 January 1943. 12 JU 88's covered by G to 109's bombed El Arousa. Enemy air force very active in this area in the morning.

NO JAN 45 TIME DATED	MAKTAR MESSAGE	ORIG	DISPOSITION
2304	Present indications are that this force will fight tomorrow N/C Maktar. Will request air support.	CG 15th	CG Satir force
0105	Tank destroyers withdrawn to N. to Casselita strength 6 guns, 1 left being sent to RJ-D-7547; 6 light tanks round Casselita for defense infantry, firing as far north as O-7361.	Lt Frank	C/C B
0004	Alert your Bn to move and stand by.	C/C B	2 Bn 6th Inf.
0004	Alert your Co to move and stand by.	C/C B	Co B 18 Regt.
0150	Relay to HPM enemy 6 mi south of lines you have me to defend estimated 1 Bn of Inf Relief w/tanks. Number not known. 5 guns Co A withdraw taking positions at LERFX w/1 fr Bn Inf. Have decided to defend to N at LERFX and try to establish line to north which you ordered by force to defend. Inf. Co's situation may be serious. My CP at LERFX, location and situation for remainder of Co unknown. No communication with them. Request reinforcements. Signed 601 TD.	601 TD	C/C B
0135	21 Jan 45 MUNDOUA O-5540. Your prior orders revoked. Continue to strike enemy at every opportunity, falling back on above area.	C/C B	601 TD
21 JAN 45	THROUGH CUSSELITA		
0505	Column halted, Send Divs.	CG 27th	CG 15th
0545	March resumed 0540.	CG 27th	CG 15th
1425	Situation 0500 hrs: enemy O-6700 to O-6957 to O-7254. No hostile contact location our force Company Infantry O-7455, Company Inf O-7453, Company O-7640, 5 Tank destroyer Bn O-8952, Company 237 M - O-7060 Casselita - 361 AEC 3 EM. Impossibles town north to southwest in and around 2 company Inf 1 and half Free French and 670 Battalion this area.	Lt Frank	CG 15th
0600	Prepare to move at 0445 hrs. rpt to CP at once	Col Russell Hq/15th.	
0600	Prepare to move at 0445 hrs. rpt to CG at CP 27th FA at 0430.	Col Russell 47 Hqs.	
	CP moved out of bivouac at 0500 hrs (Original time 0445) Closed in bivouac at 0725 hrs at rd 1104. (Distance (537-373) 19 mi from Maktar)		
0635	Sighted tank column, belonging to 2 Bn 15th close to road at 92.8 mi.		
0600	Make own local Plan. Send Liaison officer to CP for further Plan.	Russell	All units (-3/47,0/41int)

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0815	Liaison officer at your HQ - 0815	CO 2/6th	CO 19th.
0755	Request forward observation post officer 27th Pz Bn rpt to CP 2 Bn 6th Inf immediately.	CO 2/6th	CO 19th.
0845	Arty off will contact you at once.	Russell	2 Bn 6th.
0851	CP reports your vehicles stand out like sore thumbs.	Russell	2 Bn 6th.
0900	Give time target and bomb line in air request or did you want air cover.	C/C B	COI TD
	Your dispersion and camouflage still not satis- factory. Take action.	C/C B	2 Bn 6th
1125	We have had conflicting reports on location of tanks. If area is O-7445 attack but cover north. There is no air liaison officer, air request thru command net.	C/C B	COI TD
1204	Planes not attacking w/not be fired on except in order of ammunition expenditure.	C/C B	All units
1245	General Ebelitz, acting as the representative of General Tain himself confirmed Col. Baker's information and ordered an attack to the North East.		
1340	Prepare to move C.O.'s to CP at once.	C/C B	All units
	Fire only on hostile planes.	C/C B	All Units
1400	Attack order given C.O.'s by Lt Col Cairns.		
1530	Request bombardment on enemy tanks and 2 coe infantry at Rf O-732665 prior to 1545 hrs.	Seale	II Corp/s
1550	Elements closed in concealed biv near Ousseltia at rd. (O-6445).		
	Give us your situation.	C/C B	2 Bn 6th
1620	First Round is over. The first round was heard round the world (Fired both 75's and mortar)	2/6th	C/C B
	Where is the location.	C/C B	2/6th
	Where the TD had their trouble this morning.	2/6th	C/C B
1620	Conversation between Col. Russell and Maj Siermann; There is no development in the situation so far. Maj S Gardiner has proceeded as ordered. Whose artillery was it we heard a short time ago and where did it land.	Russell	Maj S Col Russell

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It is our own artillery so far as I can tell. From my position I could not see any fire from the North. I could see our own artillery.

Maj S Col Russell

there was it landing.

Col R Maj S

Landing to the North of the town.

Maj S Col R

1656

Right Co encountered 3 Mk IV's and one armored car 1000 yds. NS of Rd 700440.

2 Bn 6th C/C B

1658

I have just finished rounding up reserves and leaving this set now but you can contact them through this set at any time I need be.

Col Cairns

1646

At 1640-1 M3 100 dived in area of 2113. It did not drop any bombs. It was taken under fire by our own AA.

CC C/C B

1710

Our left unit is moving forward again with 2/15.

2/6th C/C B

1715

Our leading elements are located approx 5 miles from town.

2/15 C/C B

1723

Our right unit is now moving forward. The left flank is around the bend in the road and going NE and will soon be going North. The right flank is almost through the mountains, on the South side of the road. The left unit is in contact with 2/15th and is now moving forward in their vehicles. They have overcome minor opposition that they had.

2/6th C/C B

1724

Gen Robinson asked for situation via voice radio: A/C. The situation at present is that our right unit is advancing along original line, has rounded bend where TD's report being fired at this morning. They are with 2/15. They have a unit covering our right flank which is almost to the mountainside. 2/6th Our left unit has been assisted by 2/15 and the mortar fire has been eliminated and are now following 2/15. Their position is by the road which is NE of their original line of departure, the road which seems to be in such good shape.

Have you encountered any enemy tanks?

Gen Robinson

A/C. We encountered 3 Mk 4 Tanks and one armored car on the road which our right flank unit is taking. They have either been disabled or have left.

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1734 Situation by Maj. Simerman 2 In 13th
Leading elements 3 mi E of town, crossing road.
Left column of 2/8 are with them. I have no
report of enemy tanks.

1740 I have only had one rpt on the attack which I Col Baker
sent to your O.P. by my Executive.
Gen Robinett: Then you have nothing to report?
AM: That is correct.
Gen Robinett: Are you now engaging the enemy? 2 In 13th
AM: From the last reports we got in, we were
not in any contact; we were merely moving ahead.

1752 Gen Robinett: At the base of the mountain to 2 In 13th
the east and under the moon from here, have been
observed numerous flashes. Are they yours?
AM: We have had no reports from our units 2 In 13th
recently. I have been trying to get them. I will
find out and let you know as soon as possible.

1764 From here in the direction of the moon, we have CG O/C B 2 In 6th
observed numerous flashes. Are you being engaged
from the front?
AM: As far as I know, that is our guns firing.
There may be some guns firing in return. I will
get a report from our forward unit and advise you.

1755 The latest report is that our vehicles are being 2 In 13 C/C B
fired upon from the position UT. About 8 guns
were firing and evidently they seem to be bothering
them a whole lot.
Gen Robinett: Are you continuing to engage them?
AM: We are engaging them.

1759 Col Cairns: Move your outfit to where they can
report their engagements.
AM: We are separated from our unit and at present
our car is far in the rear, in the same position we
occupied early this morning. There is no officer
with us.

1805 Disregard last message. New message follows C/C B All units
Continue attack. Limitation line previously
given is withdrawn.

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1805 3 hostile tanks at 7258. C/C B 2/15th
From where the forward elements of our right units
are, they can see 26 vehicles to their left. Are
they friendly? Elkins C/C B
A NS; 2/15 is supposed to be in contact with your
left column. The last report said they were in
the position you mention. C/C B Elkins

1805 Send situation and your location to CG CC B 11 Corps Gen Robinett

1825 Location CP (650455) C/C B moved from Maktar
night Jan 20/21. Command committed 1500 hrs
to retake ground west of pass (750-80) Action
continues successful so far. C/C B 11 Corps

1908 Tanks fired on by 5 guns vicinity (0-7248)
could not locate guns. Tanks now in position
holding hill (0-7146). 2/15th C/C B

1954 Our right unit has passed RJ 551 and have
contacted 2 Bn 15th. 2/6th C/C B

1158 French Off reports Gen Juin promises us large air
bombardment in the morning and wants to know our
objective; if they can carry out the bombardment
without hitting French troops who are to move from
their present location in a westerly direction in
the morning.

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Gen Delene called at 0515- liaison officer and
delivered Gen Juin's instructions placing C/C B
under the direction of Delene and reversed his pre-
vious instructions for continuation of attack to
N/E to North covering against the defile to the
right. (Instructions verbal).

I. British armored forces acting on the axis Bordj-Gen Deligne
Mausolee have reached the Mausolee and are in con-
tact with the enemy armor who hold the Byzantine Ruins.

Gen Robinett

II. The Commander-in-Chief orders the Robinett detach-
ment to head North to reach the region of the Mausoles
and re-establish contact at that point with British
forces.

III. As objective, the Robinett detachment will, in
cooperation with the English, hold on the general
line Mausolee - Henchir - Karachahn.

IV. In the course of operations the Robinett detach-
ment will take all measures to protect itself from
the East.

0910 Ren Flt Commander protecting left flank reported arty
barrage falling on him at 0655. Have been unable to
contact them by radio since then. No other radio
available. 601st C/C B
TD Bn

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1000	I. Enemy Information: At 725-457 which is Bench Mark 558 on down the road to 531 to Cross Roads 558 this morning. There was a heavy concentration just north of 5386. Several vehicles also 88mm were destroyed or run back; also believe gas dump set on fire (0900 Rpt). II. One Btry forward observer returned due to communication trouble reports our Inf and a few tanks are withdrawing East to West at 7048. He was fired on by Arty. Can't locate enemy Btry but may be vicinity (7248). (0945 rpt). III. F.O. reports German medics moving in now to pick up wounded (F.O. at 6th Inf. 0958). Firing ceased while Germans picked up wounded; then resumed.	Ex O 27th	C/C B
1015	Right unit has no contact with enemy. Patrols being sent fwd to gain contact. Only 2 rds enemy arty reed. Enemy tanks seen withdrawing around nose of hill 463 to N & E. No enemy activity on rt flank.	CO 2/6	C/C B
1053	Very limited targets of opportunity. Batteries placing fire with one gun on scattered small enemy personnel. Notank or vehicle activity observed.	CO 27th CG	15th
1055	Enemy being shelled (Ousselita)	2 Bn 13	C/C B
1042	As friendly planes returned from mission, they strafed our position. Notify airfield.	2 Bn 13	C/C B
1125	Location 2 guns (0-7545) are ones S-2 was speaking of. Crews taken out by Artillery.	2 Bn 6th	C/C B
1125	11 Mk 4 tanks coming from vicinity of disabled 88 towards our position. TDs in position. Arty observers in position.	2 Bn 6th	C/C B
1115	Friendly planes returning from mission strafed our own Inf near Ousselita at 1040.	C/C B	12 Air-Foe.
1205	Alert Olson. Beale on way with instructions	C/C B	2nd 13th.
1220	Co "D" 6th Inf now with us.	2/13th	C/C B
1214	Concerning shelling at Ousselita. Conferred with Col Baker believed to be 150mm in vicinity of the pass. Range would indicate position this side of pass.	CO 27th	C/C B
1155	11 Mk IV coming from direction of road black toward position of RDO (216).	C/C B	2 Bn 13th
1200	No bombing targets under observation from ground observers.	27th FA	C/C B

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1325	"A" Btry RO rpts he has run into stragglers of Cannon Co, 6th Inf at 7047. They report the loss of 3 - 75 mm assault guns. At 717. Hostile fire believed to be 88mm from vicinity 7249.	CO 27th	C/C B
1330	Begin operation as per instructions to Zimmerman Olson remains in present location. Rpt when you move out.	C/C B	2 Bn 13
1425	Ack msg 1915 dated 21 Jan.	CG 15AR	CG 11 Corps
1330	Operation as given unit commanders this morning beginning.	C/C B	All Units
1445	Ack you 0821 Jan. Do 2nd Bn, 26th Inf, 35rd FA Bn, 1st Bn 16th Inf come under my comd on arrival 0-4047.	C/C B	II Corps
	2nd Bn 26 Inf and 35rd FA Bn moving to O-4040 tonight. 1st Bn 16th Inf to same place tomorrow night. A force of 1st Armd Div similar to yours being formed at SBEITLA tonight. Ack.	II Corps	C/C B
1454	Head of column moved at 1455.	2 Bn 13	C/C B
1600	Rpt progress and opposition encountered.	C/C B	2 Bn 13 AR
1615	What is your location	C/C B	2 Bn 13 AR
1635	Column has reached O-6047. No hostile contact.	Bn 13 AR	C/C B
1700	Have just arrived phase line "A"	2 Bn 13AR	CO 13 AR
1330	Operation as given unit Comdrs this morning beginning.	C/C B Long	All Units
1445	Ack your 0821 Jan. Do 2nd Bn, 26 Inf 35rd FA Bn, 1 Bn 16 Inf come under my comd on arrival)-4040.	C/C B	II Corps
1915	2 Bn, 26 Inf and 35 FA Bn moving to O-4040 tonight 1 Bn 16 Inf to same place tomorrow night. A force of 1 AD similar to yours being formed at SBEITLA tonight. Ack.	II Corps	Gen Robinett
1454	Head of Column moved at 1455.	2 Bn 13 AR	C/C B
1600	Rpt progress and opposition encountered.	C/C B	2 Bn 13 AR
1615	What is your location	C/C B	2 Bn 13 AR
1635	Column has reached O-6047. No hostile contact.	2 Bn 13 AR	C/C B
1700	Have just arrived phase line "A".	2 Bn 13 AR	C/C B
1600	Gen Koeltz arrived for conference with Gen Robinett		
1707	2 Bn 13 AR reached PL "A" at 1700	Russell	27 FA Bn
1410	Destroy your copy of FA #2 & operational overlay. Receipt requested.	1 AD	C/C B

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- 1525 FO # 2 with operational overlay was received and is now destroyed. C/C B 1 AD
- 1755 Co F on line 685535-700550 receiving heavy arty fire from positions about 800 - 1000 yds North. D & F Cos are separated and have been ordered to rally in rear of above line. Capt C/C B Zimmerman
- 1755 Stop advance at dusk assemble on most suitable ground & outpost for night. Ack. Russell 2 Bn 15 AB
- 1700 Situation as of 1200 hrs 22 Jan follows:
German troops with 88mm AT guns, Field Arty and a few tanks hold high ground vic DUEBEL-REHANA feature. Tank Co moving NW on rd of O-740460. This comd ordered to attack N from OUSSELTIA. Gain contact with British vic MAUSOLEE and with the line MAUSOLEE - HENCHIR - KARACHOUM. This comd is also ordered to contain the enemy to the E of OUSSELTIA. In accordance with order a reinforced tank Bn attacks N at 1430. A reinforced Inf Bn supported by Bn arty contains enemy to East. Disposition of trps at 12:00 hrs is shown on atchd overlay. C/C B C G II Corps Lt Col Russell
- 1915 Meeting of all Unit Comdrs this CP at 2050 hrs tonight. C/C B All Units
- 2310 Periodic rpt for Jan 21 you this morning. Our present location (O-6245) unchanged. Periodic rpt for 22 Jan will be forwarded in the morning. C/C B II Corps
- 2100 (ORPHAN ANNIE) Col Fechet will command force including 2 Bn 28 Inf and 35 FA. This force will be under my direct command and will not come under your command. Rpt your operations and present location. II Corps
- 2115 (MICKEY MOUSE) What is situation. Can you carry out mission of clearing MUSSETTA Valley of Germans and joining with British Forces in vic of O7570. If not what reinforcements would you need. Cannot reinforce you with Inf. II Corps C/C B
- 2240 6 AD directed furnish you w/radio set. When you contact 6 AD by radio notify this HQ immediately. II Corps C/C B

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- 0145 Today the enemy definitely had at least 5 or 4 btrys 105mm or larger, 4 88mm's, 2 Cos tanks, 1 Bn Inf in this area with unknown strength in mountain area to the North. OWN SITUATION: Strength depleted owing to long usage now 30 tanks, 9 SP and 6 towed 105mm's, 1 Bn Inf short about 100 men and without radio communication in lower echelons, 12 TD guns and 1 Btry 40mm AA. Required reinforcements at least 2 Bns Inf, 1 Bn FA, 1 Co TD and all the British punch from the North. Present strength not sufficient for job and will be in danger of destruction if attack to the North continues under present circumstances. CG C/C B II Corps
- 1050 General DELIGNE called at this HQ and stated that French Oral from Gen trps in mt mass N of KAIROUAN - OUSSELTIA pass had been withdrawn and that a French Inf Bn was now in position on W side of KAIROUAN - OUSSELTIA mt mass S of front held by 2 Bn 6 Inf. Robnett

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1120 3 German planes (JU 88?) passed S of CP at 6000 ft Oral from Col Russell moving SW.

1025 FETCHET has bn of 26 and 53 FA Bn. Bn of 16 expected this AM. Ron shows impossible for FETCHET to adv on route asgnd. There is no road. I am w/ROBINETT who cannot adv with force he now has but with FETCHET assisting can clear out OUSSELTIA Valley and allow FETCHET to establish line. Rr now on left of FETCHETS line to FREDENDAHL from AM request immediate reply. If approved FETCHET will move his force into valley tonight and he & Robinett make coordinated attack AM 24 JAN. British must push Eand capture GR O-7769.

1220 27 FA requested to lay fire on rd 7452 to 7256. Cairns- Oral from Maj Long.

1010 CP now at 136R31 27 FA C/C B

1015 Bombardment of enemy concentration at O- carried Oral from Capt. Kligus out as previously requested at 1230 hrs. ATTACK made by six light bombers. Target bracketed. Results still unknown.

1315 We have just recd a msg from GARDINER. He is under arty fire. No damage to date. 2 Bn 13 AR C/C B

1530 No change. Our arty set haystack afire near house. some ammo stored there. Small arms and some arty which is now exploding. 2 Bn 6 Inf CG C/C B

1442 In view of orders from FETCHET Force, what is mission of C/C B. C/C B CG II Corps. Maj Long.

Div CP located S-6856. 1 AD C/C B

0220 Red Beans begin Mag. French rpt DJEBEL DABOUSS N of KAIROUAN - OUSSELTIA rds in German hand. Paren AD C/C B even Robinett fr FROS two Corps paren hold your commanding OUSSELTIA area and support French positions from OUSSELTIA and KAIROUAN rd. Also FICHON Rd. Relay following instructions to FETCHET Fetched will secure and hold WRIDKLEKW OT PE DEJEBEL SERDY - DEJEBEL BARGOU in conjunction with British on North Rd. YOU Robinett advise.

1500 Send Ron in force to 6964 by way of 6656. Plt Ron 13 now at 20L25. C/C B 2 Bn

Attack orders of 2 Bn 13 revoked. 2 Bn 13 AR will make ron in force to 6964 via 6656. C/C B 2 Bn Rcn Co 15AR

1700 Co B 47 Med Bn has moved from THALA and has joined Co B det in the location of 7 Treatment Station. 47 Med C/C B

1750 2 Bn 6 cover detrucking of 16 and 26 Inf as per instns sent by your in Off. Your patrols will contact guides of 16 Inf at CP 601 TD at about 2100 hrs. C/C B 2 Bn 6 Inf

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- 1830 Send C/C B tank platoon to MAKTAR immediately. They will C/C B CO 15 AR biv there and await orders. Klous
- 2020 Large column of vehs sound like tanks are approaching 2 Bn 6 Inf 6/C B our road black.
- 2150 Verbal orders issued by S-3 to unit comds at 2015. The 2 Bn 6 Inf with 1 Plt Co E 15 AR and 1 Section Co B 01 TD atchd was given the mission of covering the detrucking of the 1 Bn 16 CT in the vic of C-7342.
- 2145 The following orders given to Ln Off 16 RCT at 1915. Oral Lt. Col Russell.
(1) 1/16 moves into area C-7442 tonight 23/24.
(2) The 2/26 will be moved into area just N OUSSELTIA if they can do before da wn. (3) 33rd FA will move into position SE of OUSSELTIA night of 23/24. (4) 7 FA will move into OUSSELTIA area night 24/25.
- 2155 At about 1500 Lt Col Akers came to this Hq accompanied by Col Fechet and staff of the 16 RCT. Akers advised Gen Robinett that the 16 RCT less 2 & 3 Bns, plus 2 Bn 26 Inf, 33rd FA and the 7 FA were atchd to C/C B. Hasty plans made for an attack PM 24 JAN were later cancelled.
- 2110 Vehs rptd previous investigates seem to be heavy trks or H/T vehicles towing a r carrying heavy loads going into position of 88 tant has been reported all day. No movement at present time. 2 Bn 6 Inf C/C B
- 1925 Arty normally with Stack will revert to Stack. Lt Franks C/C B
Orders for employment of Stack are being sent to you from CG II Corps.
- 1805 For Stack at MAKTAR under Robinett's control as soon as practicable. Fredendahl. CG II Corps C/C B
- 1553 Ln Off requested to my CP to facilitate supply to 1 AD C/C B to work with II Corps. Ask. This is pharaphrase msg twenty second signed 1950. Answer taken care of also. Ask.
- 1435 You will move 26 CT less 2 and 3 Bns and 33 FA Bn to assembly area woods E of Maktar under cover of darkness tonight. EFFECTIVE upon arrival there you will pass to comd of Gen Robinett CG C/C B Gen Robinett Col Fechet.
- Ln Off 2 Bn 13 AR rptd that reinforced Plt making Verbal Col Russell
ron in force lost at C-7054 1 tank in exchange for 1 88mm gun and 15 to 20 Ger Inf men. 1815 hrs. Your mission will be to organize defensive position W of OUSSELTIA. 5000 anti-tank mines will be available to you on trks at MAKTAR. You will maintain contact with FECHET who is occupying the DJEBEL SERDU. DJEBEL BORGOU ride. A French staff officer will meet you in MAKTAR to guide you to OUSSELTIA area. 7 FA Bn is enroute from QUELMA to join FECHET. When this bn arrives it will revert to your comd for employment in support of your

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(contd) position. When remainder of Inf of 16 RCT has joined FECHET, 2 Bn 26 Inf will revert to Corps reserve at SBEITIA. Stack will move 2 Bn 26 Inf to SBEITIA when relieved by FECHET. Corps will establish supply point.

1100 Situation rep 1100 hours Pichon. Nothing to report Lt Frank C/C B
no enemy movement. Either South enemy strength FONDOUK area 2 Bns 47 Inf Reg and 2 Bns 91st Inf Reg. Little arty no present rpt of tanks - Independent tank Bn believed to be west of KALHOUN further S of GAFSA. Enemy quiet strength unchanged in combat zone. Rommel's force reported near TRIPOLI - TUNISIA Border. Probable intention of enemy to hold MARETH line against 8th Army. Own troops at SBEITIA, C C A consisting of 1 Bn 6 Inf, 5 - 1st AR n. Arty also same location. Force consisting of Bn 26 Inf. Regt. and arty remainder 1st AD in reserve at BOU CHEBKA, Div Hq and II Corps HQ same area. Area MANTAR 16 Inf Regt and 1 Bn British FERRANA Raif Force. 1 - 1st AR at ALGIERS 3 Bns 18th AR to be at BOU CHEBKA in two days at 1100 hrs. Yesterday plan at II Corps was as follows: For C/ A with 2 Bns French Inf attack and take high ground N & S of FONDOUK. Late yesterday French refused to cooperate and play may attack cancelled, AM. Awaiting information now intention this area to drive Germans N & NE of OUSSELTIA with minimum force possible and join with British area 0-2271. RI to hold ground N and NE of ROBA - 26 Inf to hold high ground 0-57806 0-7789. C/C B to hold valley North and NE Ousseltia by patrols. C/C B to be withdrawn and reconcentrated at Area SBEITIA. Strat. plan to clear area with minimum force then to attack in strength E of SBEITIA towards GABEs, SFAX area, if ROMMEL tries to hold MARETH line. Intention to stop enemy denying entrance of 8 Army into Tunisia. More follows information from I AD & II Corps via Phantom Patrol.

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0256 Robin your request for fighter cover (from CG II Corps II Corps C/C B to CG C/C B) from first light to 0900 24 JAN is approved and will be furnished. Redbreast.

0845 Report to CF C/C B CO Rcn

0930 Send Lt Off here. 26 Inf less 2 Bns under comd C/C B CG C/C B 2 Bn 26 Inf Report into 26 Inf command net w/o delay. (Thru) 2 Bn 6 Inf.

1070 Rcn rptd 5 enemy tanks and 2 88mm guns were knocked out in operations by Hcn Co 24 Jan. Capt Yeiter

0540 (GUINEA PIG) Photo mission requested thru Col Akers II Corps C/C B cannot be performed as photo equipment has not arrived in this area. (To CG CG B Robinett from Williams 12 Air Support Comd). Bombardment mission will be performed. Request targets designated thru Akers be further defined & localized thru your air sup party as this info becomes available. All possible covermissions will be furnished. (Headache).

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1110 RE Your Co CT 18 of 19 Jan regret unable to supply II Corps CG C/C B
paper per 10 D suggest contact Adv Stationary depot #13.
(BSA) 2140.

1058 Expedite Ack to Adm #4 dated 17 . 2015 II Corps CG C/C B
6 AD

1326 Extremely important arrangements must be concluded II Corps C/C B
immediately if they are to be put into effect. Therefore
give us immediately information on your plans.

1155 Is overlay sent to by Col Akers still in effect. 6 Bde C/C B

1645 Patrol actively to your front tonight. 2 Bn 6 Inf will C/C B 2 Bn 26 Inf
do same. Maintain ln with 2 Bn 6 Inf. Ack.

1428 Map template reference holes three, five, one, six, CG 1 AD C/C B
eight, four, two, nine, seven. Map template tilt
angle two, one map four two two seven.

1725 Move as soon as possible after dark. 26 Inf plans C/C B 7 FA Bn
to move after you about 2100. Establish ln with 26 Inf.

1730 Royal West Kents under command of C/C B Gral from Maj Long

1735 Co D 6 Armd Inf reverts to 2 Bn 6 Inf at 1900 hrs C/C B 2 Bn 6 Inf
tonight. 601 TD Bn moves at 2000 hrs into area of 2 Bn
15 AR. Co B 13 AR moves into area of Co E, 15 AR at 2130 hrs.
2 Bn 13 AR moves into area of Co E, 15 AR at 2130 hrs.
Btry 27 FA has priority on positions in area 2 Bn 15 AR.
Dets 601 TD Bn except one heavy S c with 2 Bn 6 Inf revert
to 601 TD Bn at 1700. Plt 2 Bn 15 AR with Co E 6 Inf reverts
to 2 Bn 13 AR at 1700 hrs.

1810 Unit comdrs meeting at 1030 hrs tonight. C/C B All Units &
Dets.

1852 C in C is concerned least FETCHET'S forces become II Corps C/C B
heavily engaged in valley and fail to reach original
objective (To Gen Robinett from C of Staff II Corps)
The C in C further does not wish attainment of obj by
route up the valley be accomplished on y by loss or
grave risk of your forces. JAS ADU AAE on the ground
you are able to judge risks involved. If they are heavy
FETCHET should be ordered to return to MAKTAR area and
take Western route thru ROBAA in order to get on his
objective and you should operate from the OUSSELTIA line.

1800 Rept at once the situation on your front. 56 Bde C/C B

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- 1545 Situation quiet. Enemy shows signs of leaving valley. C/C B 36 Bde.
Patrolling actively.
- 1605 Re: my msg of 1300 27 concern Understanding is that air II Corps C/C B
attack will take place at 0845 hrs A time please confirm
and report on weather condition in your area.
- 1550 1-AD has in Off here thru whom request for assistance II Corps C/C B
can be made.
- 1600 RE: Questions of Col Cairns- Co B Sup Bn still under II Corps C/C B
comd C/O B. Co A 70 Tank Bn to remain under comd of
French for political reasons. Suggested that we assist
them in any way possible.
- 2255 Arrived in assembly area. 16 Inf C/C B
- 2240 ACK you msg pertaining to movement COL FECHET, Reg C/C B II Corps
HQ & Cannon Co.
- 2245 Send In Off to rept to CG of French Troops on your C/C B 26 Inf
right at farm C-70-0 at 0800 hrs 25 JAN 45. Desirable
officer speak French.
- 1900 Detach at once repeat at once Col FECHET Reg HQ and II Corps C/C B
Cannon Co 16 Inf. This force will move at once to
SILLANA by way of MAKTAR A staff officer of this
HQ will meet COL FECHET at SILLANA tonight with
further instructions. 2 Bn 16 Inf will move from GUEIRA
to SILLANA tonight arriving at SILLANA 1300 24 JAN
and will come under FECHET Comd. At that time FECHET
will proceed with this force to his original obj
where all British, French and American Bns on this line
are under FECHETS comd. ACK this msg and rept to II Corps
time FECHET clears on this movement.
- 2550 The following msg recd from II Corps: Quote-Detach C/C B 16 Inf
at once Col FECHET, Reg HQ & Cannon Co 16 Inf. This
force will move at once to SILLANA by way of MAKTAR
a staff officer of this HQ will meet COL FECHET at
SILLANA with further instructions. 2 Bn 16 Inf will
move from GUEIRA to SILLANA tonight arriving at
SILLANA 1300 hrs 25 JAN, and will come under comd
Col FECHET at that time. FECHET will proceed with
this force to his original objective where all British,
American and French Bns on this line are under FECHETS comd.
Unquote. Comply and ACK this msg. Rpt time ou clear on
this movement.
- Gen JUIN requests no action by local American Commanding, Lt. Frank CG C/C B
officer until arrival in Off at MAKTAR at 1130 hrs.

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0745 Charlie - No Air (To CG C/C B from CG II Corps) Bad weather - Daredevil. II Corps C/C B

0818 Rpt at once results of patrolling C/G B 601 TD Bn

0835 All patrols out. No repts yet. 601 TD Bn C/C B

0850 Col FETCHEE rept leaving at 0430 hrs. C/C B II Corps

0825 Maj Chase was here last night (checking further). 16 Inf CG 15 AR
0825 - Maj Chase is in MARTAR. 0826.

0950 (1) Location: 692497
(2) Information of our troops: 601 Ren Sect in our area. B/16 Engr C/C B
(3) Operations: Scouting Party 730591. No enemy sighted.

0945 Air bombardment and strafing missions have been cancelled due to bad weather. C/C B All Units C/C B

0920 Give situation and location of fwd trps. C/C B 26 Inf.

1025 601 TD has been ordered to seize & secure RJ O-7452 Stark to O-7552. C/C B 27 FA Bn

0925 Continue covering N flank and seize and secure RJ O-7452. STARK moves to O-7552 and 7750. Make contact. C/G B 601 TD

1040 Already from 12:00 PM No enemy. 6 Inf C/C B

1045 Baker moves to RJ O-7452. C/C B 26 CT

1055 Hold present position, be prepared to move N with tanks. C/C B 2 Bn 6 Inf

0800 Attack and cover missions for Jan 25 have been set up but weather expected to prevent missions being flown. 12 Airforce C/C B

1035 Ren will be sent as soon as weather permits. Missions 12 Air Force yesterday saw nothing to report. Planes have been instructed to contact you direct when in your area. C/C B

1020 What goes on ICHON - FONDOUK. Urgent C/C B Lt Frank.

1025 601 TD has been ordered to seize and secure RJ O-7452. Stark to O-7552. C/C B 27 FA Bn

1145 Have 7 FA reconnoitre for gun positions vic of O-665. C/C B 27 FA Bn

0925 26 CT G Co reptd arrived al on Hill 578 at 0-730 hrs N of ar. 26 CT - F Co moving to left of G Co approx at (1/50,000) 747457. Attack jumped off on time. No Hostile contact yet gained. 26 Inf C/C B

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1200	We are starting North towards MANNCHAR - KARACHOU line . C/C B OUSSELTIA - KAIROUAN pass secured. Keep us informed on PICHON - FONDOUK area.	C/C B	C/C A
1210	RJ 531 Mortar fire falling there location of mortar undetermined.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
1215.	CP moving 15. R 3.7	601 TD Bn	C/C B
1247	Gun in position at 16.3R4.3. Mine at 16.5R4.4. Guards have been placed around minefield. Ren N & S. No enemy in sight.	601 TD	CG 13 AR
1258	Have engineers remove minefield.	CG C/C B	601 TD
1222	Minefield located SE of RJ 733455 (100 yds). My Engrs on way to determine extent & remove if possible. Stark Lt Col Ringsak lost peep there. Will salvage peep if possible.	5 Bn 6 Inf	
1000	No enemy personnel or vehicle activity seen by all fwd observers.	27 FA Bn	C/C B
1115	(Lady For: Begin Msg): Rpt situation also pass to CG 1st Inf Div. "(To CG C/C B from CG II Corps). Rpt CP British 1st Army immediately" - End msg.	CG II Corps	CG C/C B
1217	Unable to furnish info. Will send it in as soon received.	26 Inf	CG C/C B
1255	88mm gun knocked out at 775475.	27 FA Bn	C/C B
1310	Rpt from 35 FA & 7 FA. In contact w/enemy, both bns firing targets MG, Inf and En Btries. Direction toward the East.	27 FA Bn	C/C B
1315	Western exits of OUSSELTIA - KAIROUAN Pass in our hands. C/C B We are starting North. Our advance elements now 7365. Maj Long Situation well in hand. Very little resistance.	II Corps	
1250	What is location 1 Bn, 16 Inf.	II Corps	C/C B
1325	RE: your msg 1230, Location 1 Bn 16 Inf O-5845.	C/C B	II Corps
1345	Get in radio contact with us on 2020 KC or through your Ron patrols, keep us informed of situation in PICHON FONDOUK area. OUSSELTIA KAIROUAN Pass (West side) in our hands. We are moving North. Leading elements now 7365. Resistance light.	C/C B	C/C A Maj Long
1558	Request location of KENTS. Has American Colonel FECHET made contact with you?	C/C B	36 Brig Lt Col Russell
1352	Have reached and secured my positions. Ren N & E no contact or sight of enemy. How far N and NE may I push my butt. Request immediate answer.	601 TD	C/C B

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- 1416 Engrs were ordered to remove minefields previous to receipt of your order. 601 TD C/C B
- 1436 Move to secure high ground vic SI BOU RHARA (O-7565 and AMGOUB SMAK MAK (O-7464). Stark pushing to seize BJEMEL, ZEMLIA 2nd Pit Rcn at O-7667 at 1415 hrs. C/C B 601 TD Lt Col Cairns
- 1514 Have objective. Second Bn, 26 CT mopping up. 26 Inf C/C B
- 1455 Verify your report in msg 1314. C/C B 26 Inf.
- 1052 Gen Robinett ordered (bhly) the TD buns atchd to 6 Inf to move to RJ vic of 732e54. AT 1350 hrs Gen Robinett conferred 2/Col Stark at the front. Enemy resistance encountered on hill (768470). 26 Inf will assault this point. 1600 hrs. and then if possible, cross the road & take the hill DJ LADIRECH. Gen Robinett ordered the continuation of the attack to secure the high ground to the N & NW from DJ LADIRECH. The Gen returned to the CP at 1500 hrs. Oral Lt. Beale
- 1400 For Col Arnold, Deputy C.S. II Corps, 3 Bn 16 Inf. Remain in biv E MAKTAR under comd Robinett. II Corps C/C B
- 1530 Have located minefield Booby traps at house 531. Request help from Engrs Supply of demolition limited. Field covered with trick wires. Request answer as work can be done before dark. 26 Inf C/C B
- 1440 Enemy strong point at 1/50,0.0 (769470) holding up advance momentarily. 26 Inf C/C B
- 1510 No change in enemy situation. 26 Inf C/C B
- 1520 Cancel all plans for air support today. 26 Inf C/C B
- 1610 You will relieve B/16 w/co from your Bn. Eng needed for other work. Relief to take place as soon as possible. Notify us when accomplished. C/C B 2 Bn 6 Inf
- 1620 Msg to move recd but apparent action judged to be vic of 7748 SE of my present gun position. Recommend no move until contact made with Stark. WE have contacted 1 enemy Inf 752527. Await orders. 601 TD C/C B
- 1700 You will attack at dark as planned to take the tip of DJ RIHANA & to take DJ LADIRECH. Am sending you one heavy section 601 TD for road block. Russell 26 Ct C.O.
- 1820 Request that ROUK-Patrol actively to East tonight. on run. Pick up prisoners moving North. Enemy C/C B 36 Rde
- 1755 You will make a road block at RJ O-74532 and establish a strong point in that area. One Co 6 Inf will be atchd you. Co B 16 Engrs is relieved from atchd to you. C O Rcn Co 13 AR will pick up one hvy sect TD in your area. SECT is atchd to Rcn 13 AR. Further, you will send 1 hvy sect to arrive OUSSELIA at 2000 for attachment to 26 CT. C/C B 601 TD

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1805 You will attack one Co to 601 TD Bn at once. Further you will move w/o delay and establish a road block at RJ 7256, and a strong point in that vicinity. You will patrol actively to the NE tonight. 1 Rifle Plt will be atnd to Rcn 15 AR. It will be picked up by CO Rcn 15 AR at OUSSELTIA at 1930 tonight. ACK. Rcn Co 15 AR located at 19.513. C/C B 2 Bn 6 Inf

1855 1 Plt Co B 16 Engr is atnd to you at 2100 keeping the bulk of force in present location establish a strong point at cross road O-695499. 601 TD is at O-7452. 2 Bn 6 Inf moves at once to vic 7256. C/C B 2 Bn 15 AR

1827 Rcn Co will be at 19.513. C/C B 2 Bn 6 Inf

1930 Send worst Plt tanks to Maint 15 AR tonight for overhaul. C/C B 2 Bn 15 AR

1900 More information later. Attack made but Hill 1588 still in enemy hands according to "DEXTROSE 6". 27 FA Bn C/C B

1730 16 Army Corps
G/S
SPECIAL ORDER:

The Algiers Division, reenforced by Gen Robinett Comd, will take its position upon the following fronts: ~~16th Corps~~ Gen Koeltz (French)

DJEBEL EL RHIANA,
LESTOUK ET AL: FERJANI
KRANGUET EL MESSIRET

where it will join up with Moroccan Div with the mission of barring any advances from the following directions: MAUSOLEE to OUSSELTIA, KARACHOU to OUSSELTIA, KAIROUAN to OUSSELTIA, DJELOULA to PICHON.

Strong points will be placed in the last part of this wing and on the axis, MAUSOLEE OUSSELTIA.

Strong arty fire must be able to be placed on the passes of the road from KAIROUAN to OUSSELTIA.

The major part of Gen Robinett's detachment will be regrouped as a mass of manoeuvre (?) in the region of OUSSELTIA ready to counter-attack to the East or to the North

L. KOELTZ

General of the 16th Corps.

Report to CP w/o Delay C/C B Co B 16 Engr

S-3 Repts for 27 and 108 CA AA. 27 FA C/C B

2255 Your El reported 2130 Long 2 Bn 6 Inf

2227 In new area not completely closed. Request info when my E 1 has reported to YEMER. 2 Bn 6 Inf C/C B

S-3 Report 2 Bn 15 AR C/C B

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2005	British arrive tonight at MAUSOLEE (Prison)	In	C/C B
2398	Regards last msg yes. Last msg was verbal, are you still progressing.	26 Inf	C/C B
2330	Rept your situation.	C/C B	26 Inf
	Btry A, 7 FA Bn Closed in new position at 23 0 hrs in vic O-8654.		
2355	Strong point establ. at O-7452 as ordered. O-6949.	601 TD	C/C B
1740	Rept of dispositions of CC/A which will be sent to you by later patrol tonight. Request more detailed report of dispositions of C/C B as of tonight to be sent back to C/C A.	5 Plat Rcn Co 1 AR	C/C B
2400	Attack to be launched at 0200 hrs. Considerable progress made this afternoon.	26 Inf	C/C B

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0030	Orders have been complied with	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
	Do not send wrecker to that point. Our position in msg of 1805 hrs today.	6 Inf	C/C B Maj Phillaborn
0127	URGENT: (O MOXIE) Based on orders from higher HQ (To CG C/C B from CG II Corps) you will not advance further but will return to the line of the OUSSELTIA - KAIROUAN Rd. Ac.,	II Corps	C/C B
0174	3 Bn 16 Inf arrives MARTAR 2:00 25 JAN and comes under your cmd for use as required. 1 Bn 16 Inf will organize position as agreed between FREDENDALL and AMMOLETT. Release 26 CT for return to SBETLIA area at earliest moment possible. Advise of release after current operation. C/C B will remain and operate from vic of OUSSELTIA. Ack.	II Corps	C/C B
0200	No enemy action. Am holding position as ordered. Enemy minefield at 17.5 R6.8. Destroyed one of our SP 37 guns.	601 TD	C/C B
0200	Your urgent msg NRL dated Jan 25, 1945, time signed 2230A acknowledged.	C/C B	II Corps
0745	Both objectives reached over 400 prisoners captured.	26 Inf	C/C B
0830	Attack successful in OUSSELTIA KAIROUAN Pass. 400 prisoners. 16 CT holds western Halt Pass.	Russell	II Corps
0835	Ack your msg RE Return to line KAIROUAN OUSSELTIA rd. It is in conflict with orders of immediate commander.	C/C B	II Corps
0925	My E 3 with Yeiter has not returned.	6 Inf	C/C B

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0930	E-3	Will remain with Yeiter today.	C/C B	6th Inf.
0750		What are you doing today. From 86th Brigade Brigade may we please have indication O3FC. A.26 A.	36 Bde	C/C B
0945		Secure present positions and block pass make no further advance unless necessary to accomplish above mission.	C/C B	26 C.T.
1005		Move Bnto previously ren position vicinity O-6660 push active patrols north to contact British vicinity Mausolae O-7471 further make limited ren for new positions to your north.	C/C B	1 Bn 16th Inf
1015		Patrol area shown on overlay. Contact patrols of 601st TD on your right.	C/C B	2 Bn 6th Inf
1015		Patrol area shown on overlay. Contact Stark on your right.	C/C B	601st TD
1030		Contact CO 3rd Bn 16t Inf and have him report to CP.	C/C B	Lt Frank
1030		Make terrain ren to south as far as Pichon.	C/C B	2 Bn 15 AR
1055		Correction number of prisoners captured night 25/26 January was 40.	C/C B	II Corps
1100		Consolidating positions Ousseltia Kariouan pass Ren in force to north and north east. Will contact RMA and BUFFS in vicinity O-7671. Situation here well in hand; Ousseltia - Kariouan pass (West Side) in our hands.	C/C B	36 Brigade
1105		Five hundred "C" rations will be delivered to Serv Co 28th Inf for delivery to the front immediately.	C/C B	Rear Ech
1115		Inspect 601st TD Half Track south of RJ 531, O-723454 for booby traps.	C/C B	B/16 Engr.
1137		Request Engrs inspect our Half Track south of RJ 531 for booby traps. We wish to tow it out.	601 TD	C/C B
1120		II Corps desires SITRAP.	Lt. Frank	C/C B
1130		We are now holding the line Kariouan-Ousseltia and continuing active patrols North and Northeast of the valley as far as Mousullee-Karachaum and mountains to the East. We are contacting British at Mousullee. 26th Inf at area O-7750, 2 Bn 6th Inf area O-7157, 1 Bn 16th Inf area O-6556.	C/C B	II Corps
1205		No type "C" available at present. Making every attempt to get them for you.	C/C B	CO 28 Inf

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1235	2nd Bn 26 Inf on hill 588, 1st Bn 26 Inf on hills 452 and 542 thru pass.		27 FA	C/C B
1145	Request engineers remove mines at 747-497.		601 TD	C/C B
1250	Contact 601 and remove mines at 747 - 497. Ac..		C/C B	B/16 Engr.
1315	No further enemy information. Small force has been sent out to finish off enemy previously reported.		601 TD	C/C B
1055	Well done - Fredendall.		II Corps	C/C B
1800	Rcn Plt 1st AR observing Fon douk - Pichon area. Covering force located at El Aicou under orders to attack and delay any enemy attack to Northwest thru Fonndouk Pichon area.		C/A A	C/C B
1040	(Black Peas) attack of 26 CT will continue to insure complete possession of Ousseltia-Karouan Pass (to CG C/C B from CG II Corps). After securing pass it will be held by one Bn 26 CT which will be attached to 16 CT. Remainder of 26 CT will withdraw to Ousseltia. ACK.		II Corps	C/C B
1250	Col Stack with force of 1 Btry AA - 1 Bn tks O-1 Bn-Lt Franks 26th CT - 1 Bn less 1 Co 16 Inf - 1 Btry 91st Arty - 1 Btry 5th FA is advancing on road Gafsa-Maknassey. They have reached a point approx. 15 miles from Maknassey on 26 Jan 45.			C/C B
1250	SITREP 1500 hrs Goubellat - Bou Arada - Robaa. Considerable patrol activity both sides this morning. No change situation at present. Report Pichon - Fonndouk follows.		Lt Franks	C/C B
1305	Situation in Pichon area unchanged. German arty fire did no damage to French positions. French have established OP NNE Pichon in mts. Five 6 pounders captured by French patrols in area NNE Pichon in mts. Request any info of latest developments at C/C B.		3rd Plt Rcn Co.	C/C B
1530	Ack-msg-re: continuing attack of 26 CT. Orders here in are in conflict with those of immediate commander. Request coordination with Juin or Koeltz.		C/C B	I ¹ Corps
1610	Bn closed in new area 1400 hrs. Patrolling as directed. From CG 1st Bn 16th Inf relayed via Btry A - 33rd FA.		1/16 Inf	C/C B
1700	Reconnoiter area 6248 for movement tonight.		C/C B	2 Bn 15th.
2058	Platoon with Rcn Co 18th AR will remain attached to them until further orders.		C/C B	C.O. 2/rth

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2225		Regardless of time 16 CT troops close in area you will have orienting groups in old area until after daylight.	C/C B	2 B n 6th Inf
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0743		Out CP located at 10.883.2	601 TD	C/C B
0950		Patrols report no enemy activity in our sector.	2 Bn 6th.	C/C B
0630		We are moving into new assembly area. Will be completely closed by 0640.	2 Bn 6th	C/C B
1020		One of my patrols found tracks of unknown tank. Tracks are 28" wide. Dist. Between tracks 12'. I.O. from left flank states 6 - 40 ton tanks seen in Northern end of valley.	2 Bn 6th	C/C B
1050		Inf plit w/Rcn Co 15th AR will remain attached to them until further orders.	C/C-b	2 Bn 6th Inf
1040		Still in old location. New CP being reconnoitered. Your HQ will be notified when and where new CP is established.	16 Inf	C/C B
1215		Have any anti-tank guns been located Taylor area. urgent.	10 36 Inf Bde	56 Inf Bde
1455		Get the 2nd Bn 16th RCT present in view of orders of immediate commander. Will advise when practicable.	C/C B	II Corps
1823		If practicable have Stark and his entire force less one Bn which goes to Fechet, move to Sbeitla tonight. Movement must be completed at latest by night 28/29 Jan. Ack and advise action taken without delay.	II Corps	C/C B
1420		What is your objective? When are you attacking? How can we help you Combat Command "B" 36 Brigade.	36 Brig	C/C B
1525		A force is leaving Cousseltia at 1530 27 Jan to cover the movement of the 16th RCT to area C-7368 tonight. You can help by moving a force East to make contact.	C/C B	36 Brig
		Gen Metanet conferred with Gen Robinett at 1645 hrs.		
1750		Strongly urge that 2nd Bn 16 CT and B RWK change places. Request answer soon.	C/C B	36 Brig.
1805		Move no change Attention Col Wells. Ack	C/C B	16 RCT.
1923		Your msg received, will comply Ex-Officer.	16th CT	C/C B
2000		Minefield at 17 R7L still unsafe. Our maint. reports serious accident there at 1830.	601 TD	C/C B

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27 JAN 43	QUESELITA		
2135	Recommendation of min forces to be left in valley at this time follow one Bn w/Bn less Btry arty in pass East of QUESELITA 168CT less one Bn on the North, one Bn w/601 TD Bn in reserve North of QUESELITA after 16 CT becomes established in North and fully develops enemy strength where other forces may be withdrawn.	C/C B	II Corps
1750	Arrangements w/Juin being completed to move your force to BOU CHEBA and Starke's force less one Bn which remains with FICRET to SBEILIA. Probably time and movement night of 28/29 JAN. Definite orders 28 JAN.	II Corps	C/C B
2805	Mines reported will be removed as soon as principle roads are clear.	C/C B	601 TD
2145	Covering force at 2035 hrs had left at 750695 right at 750660 left was moving just west of North, right moving to Northeast. Officer guide met at point agreed.	C/C B	16 CT
2155	Recommend change to be made as soon as practicable if it suits your plans. Tomorrow night would be excellent. Arty support should be coordinated with 16 CT tomorrow.	C/C B	36 Brig
2001	Consider practicable change disposition tonight owing to lack of fuel and shells already committed. Do you wish it to be carried out tomorrow night.	36 Brig	C/C B
2030	What day, what hour and what type of artillery support do you require.	36 Brig	C/C B
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0050	Have you reached reached your first Cpst. Answer	C/C B	16 Inf
0050	Cumington has arrived. We are staying with him tonight tonight.	2/16th	C/C B
0110	No change in situation here. All quiet. Liaison Officer knows our position.	2/6 Inf	C/C B
0210	Are your companies still in same position as L.O. gave us. Inform us immediately of any change in situation.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
0310	Liaison office reported that Hq elements 16th CT had closed in bivouac and that situation was quiet and well in hand.	Verbal from L O 16th	
	Be prepared to move forward at 0700 hrs on my orders	CG C/C B	2/15 AR 601 TD Bn 27 FA Bn

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0415	Move C/C "B" under cover of darkness to BOU CHEBKA night of 26/29 JAN. Move Starks less one bn to FACHET night of 26/29 JAN to SBEILIA. Notify this Hq date a 4 hour unit closes in new area. Juin concurs.	11 Corps	Q/C B
0659	Upon request of CG have requested six fighters to cover area north end of valley (O-7260) (O-7571) (O-8260) (O-8575) specifically from 0730 to 0834 and requested that mission be repeated or time extended if possible and planes available. Will notify you when request is approved or rejected.	C/C B	Cable
0778	Mine and strong point in Fachet	16 Inf	C/C B
0815	What is location of your 3 Bn	C/C B	16 Inf
0825	All units in position as ordered Fachet	16 Inf	C/C B
0825	Is mine field laid.	C/C B	16 Inf
0835	Have you secure cross-roads 700-695. Answer urgent.	C/C B	16 Inf
0750	Request staff officer for coordinate in conference with Gen Watins. Please suggest time suitable.	36 Bde	C/C B
0851	Request you contact 16 RCT now in position to your East re-coordinate conference.	C/C B	36 Brig
1020	C O reports heavy enemy air attack in KAROUAN. Attack is along base of mountain.	601 TD	C/C B
1030	Is there any reason why 2 Bn 8 Inf should not return to the rear?	C/C B	16 Inf
1130	Being hit on our left flank and enemy coming thru pass 820640. Request immediate support to meet us at entrance to this pass.	26 CT	C/C B
1155	Verbal orders from Gen Robinett to Liaison officer 26 CT. You disengage contact w/enemy and withdraw to former position vicinity of 770470. Be alert for counter attack on left flank.		
1150	26 CT is now engaged vicinity of 8045. Enemy reported coming through between DJEBEL HALYA and DJEBEL BOU BAROUSS. Move your rear elements thru RJ 7452 toward DJEBEL ZEMLIA and DJEBEL BOU BAROUSS take positions on high ground vicinity 7250 and further contain any arm'd debouchment from KAROUAN	C/C B	601 TD Bn

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<u>28 JAN 45</u>	<u>COSSERIA</u>		
	Have denied cross road 760305 as ordered Fechet	16 Inf	C/C B
1105	Heavy casualties due to strafing. Unable to get accurate report none	26 CT	C/C B
1215	Fechet in position. Winfield laid. Attach anti-tank company to Fechet immediately. Return to yesterdays bivouac area.	C/C B	2 Bn G Inf
1200	26 CT being attacked from E, enemy has bombed and strafed. Our air cover request cleared at 0600 hrs. No result. C/C B yet however believe situation will be in hand soon.	C/B B	II Corps
1200	C/C B under orders from Corps to move to BOU CHEBA tonight. Startle force less one Bn moves to BRUTTA. Remainder of force under your command	C/C B	C O 16 CT
1440	Find out and inform us immediately if GEN ALLEN, CG, 1st Inf Div. is now in MAEYAR.	C/C B	Fr Bn C/C B Haker
1558	Adv CP now at I.R. 3,7.	601 TD	C/C B
1215	Contact established with your troops on left. Will cooperate to full. Two of 2/16 Bn dependent on operation here.	26 Bde	C/C B
1440	26 CT heavily engaged today by divebombers, strafing & infan try attack has driven off enemy and taken over 70 prisoners, 4 guns. Extremely difficult to disengage and move tonight. Anima force to hold 1 Bn 2 Bn's arty. Recommend orders be modified accordingly. Urgent. Ask.	C/C B	II Corps
1535	Does 601 TD Bn move to SHITLA or BOU CHEBA or remain here. Urge 601 TD Remain. Ask. Urgent.	C/C B	II Corps
1555	Our FOX has not been released by HAKER	2/6th	C/C B
1600	Co F being released at once.	C/C B	2 Bn 6th
1600	Co F 6 Inf released to 2 Bn 6 Inf immediately	C/C B	601 TD Bn
1420	Gen Allen not now in MAEYAR expected late tonight	B/Supply	C/C B
1640	Have liaison officer report to this CP immediately	C/C B	16 & 26 Inf
1650	Liaison officer left here at 1400 with your instrum-	C/C B	CO Serv Co
1425	When will movement order be issued. Need information	Serv/13	C/C B
1700	1 Co 601 TD is with the 16 CT and will remain in valley. Release section 601 TD now with you and get replacement from 16 RCT.	C/C B	26 Inf

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1700	Co C 601 TD will remain with you. Send 1 Sect Co C 601 TD to 86 CT as soon as possible.	C/C B	18 OCT
1646	Still have no movement orders. Do not know time, type, Serv Co	C/C B	
1345	Allen and HQ opens today. MANTAR under JOIN. Available for coordination of defense & Footst will operate under ALLEN. Advise of departure of C/C B and Stark Ask.	II Corps	C/C B
1710	Ask you msg re: Allen and HQ C/C B close COSSELITA 1800 and Stark moves at 2500.	C/C B	II Corps
	Left CP enroute to B-U CHEBRA at 1730.		

29 JAN 45 BOU CHEBRA

Arrived BOU CHEBRA ~~1730~~ 0630.

0630	Closed in area at 0630 (less 8 tanks)	2 Bn 15 AR	C/C B
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1130	Plus blackout light (tactical) will be used at night except in the case of exceptional moonlight nights when this is not necessary.	1 AD	All Units
1604	Rpt by 2000 hrs time, place of strafing on your column today.	C/C B	(2/15, 27 FA 601 TD, C/Maint, 47 Med.)
1600	There will be no practice firing on these ranges unless given permission from Div Arty Off.	1 AD	C/C B
1730	Re: your msg 1604 our column was not strafed today.	2/15 AR	C/C B
1922	Unit Comdrs report to CG C/C B at 1600 hrs 29 JAN.	C/C B	All Units
1604	Our column was not strafed today.	2/15 AR	C/C B
1618	Stand by on right.	36 Bde	C/C B
1700	Time of strafing 0800 hrs today. Place: Approx 1 mi W KASSERINE, damage - Homs to porcupine, 1 50 cal hole thru cab of 2nd CA tanker, one windshield broken in M5 tank and a little bullet splash on same, 20mm hit inside muzzle of 105 SP 157 which ruined tube. 20mm and 50 cal hits on clutch emergency brake on same veh.	C/Maint	C/C B
1715	Our column was not strafed today.	27 FA Bn	C/C B
1840	Strafing occurred at 0745 hrs 2 mi E of KASSERINE on the KASSERINE - SIBSITIA road.	47 Med Bn	C/C B
1900	The strafing of A Co at 0900 today caused no damage or casualties of equipment.	601 TD Bn	C/C B
1900	2-5 Rpt 27 FA and 105 CA negative.	27 FA	C/C B

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0859	The following report of strafing of vehicles is submitted: Time of strafing 0800 to 0900 hrs 29 JAN 45. Places 2 mi E to 3 mi W KASSERINE. No personnel casualties. 1 30 cal thru cab of GMC 2 1/2 ton tanker. 1 windshield broken in IS tank, 20mm HE hit inside of muzzle 105mm SP M7, ruined tube.	C/C B	CS 1 AD
1255	Have CO Btry D 106 CA report to S-3 at his earliest convenience.	C/C B	27 FA
1300	All are reminded that ask ask is fired only by command of unit CO's or when being attacked.	C/C B	All units
1635	Rpt to this CP to see the S-3 sometime this evening at your convenience.	C/C B	2/13, 2/6 27 FA
1850	Alert your bn for a move tonight. Detail info on move later.	C/C B	1 Bn 13 AR
2515	(1) We have had word 1 column from C/A, 1 AD that we are attd to that unit now. (2) Our L.O. is now with 1 AD. Say we have 2 HQ and peep now at your HQ for liaison purposes.	501 TD S-3 Capt Galtuf	1 AD C/C B
1240	German attacked SIDI BOU ZID 0600 hrs this morning. 40 tanks 1 Bn Inf C/C A on way to meet threat. Move follows.	C/C A	C/C B
1240	German Force has reached BOU ZID 17553 stop. C/C A attacking Co Inf, Co tanks, Btry arty from RJ 7693 and similar force from S of RJ 7694 Square 76930.	C/C A	1 AD C/C B
1715	Saj Grenada report to S-3 w/o delay.	C/C B	Saint/13th
1926	At 0630 French rptd Germans attacking FAID and SIDI BOU ZID with between 40 and 60 tanks and inf. French officer stated that inf were dressed in black. At approx 0800 hrs SIDI BOU ZID was dive-bombed. Casual- ties unknown. At 1232 hrs German force had reached RJ BOU ZID (T-7553). C/C A decided to attack in two columns from North RJ (T-6863) and South (south of DJ KEBAR T-8080). 1315 Bn Co C/C A reported 24 tanks (enemy) deployed along hilltop DJ BOU ZID (T-7249) to (T-8060). No rpt at this time of enemy inf. At 1315 hrs head of Northern column consisting of 1 Co 1 Bn AR, 1 Btry FA Bn, 1 lvy plt 701 TD, 1 Co S 6 Inf, Detach 16 lng had reached CR (T-5297). Southern column con- sisting of Bn 701 TD, 1 plt lvy, and 1 lt plt A Co 701 TD, 2 btries FA Bn and 1 Co S 6 Inf, 1 Co 6 Inf. Detach of 16 engs, 1 Plt 455 am and 2 ambulances left assembly area at 0850 hrs at 1315 hrs. Gen Quil- lin stated an Adv Cp might be set up at RJ (T-6286). All between 1100 and 1400 hrs 5 bombing missions of friendly planes were seen to pass over 1st of which on its return bombed C/C A. 1st elements near RJ (T-6164) causing unknown damage. Our SA shot down one P-40 over MOTLA around 1045 hrs.	Vertical from Capt Klous.	

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1905	D Btry alerted for movement by S-5 at 1915 hrs. Movement to be with Train HQ commencing at 2000 hrs.	Verbal by S-5	
1910	Alert Btry D 108 for movement tonight at 2400 hrs. They will march with Train HQ Co. Train HQ will send Ln Off to 108. 108 will send Ln Off to Train HQ.	1 AD	C/C B
21 JAN 43	BOU CHEBKA		
0827	Have 1 Co alerted to move to SBHILLA until further orders.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 In
0900	Have alerted 1 Med Co and enough Inf & Arty to balance that to be prepared to move on SBHILLA on short notice. Have this on alert status and ready on call on short notice for move to SBHILLA.	General Fredendall	C,C B
0900	Keep 1 Co on alert status ready to move on SBHILLA on short notice.	C/C B	2 Bn 15 AR 2 Bn 6 Inr
0900	Put 1 Btry on alert status ready to move on SBHILLA on short notice.	C/C B	C O 27 FA Bn
	SIDE BOU ZED dive-bombed by Stukas. 15 in all. 1 shot down. Little damage done. Attack started. Arty may be heard.	C/C A	1 AD (Intercept)
0944	Intercepts CO DELTRA rpts attack progressing favorably 0925 hrs. My base rpts heavy arty fire in his vicinity. Sounds like tanks dueling with anti-tank guns. Can hear it in the distance from here.	VGCC A	1 AD
1035	Car on E of pass has gained foothills. 1 Co lost rather heavily other Co moving up. Co on left lost heavily in tank duel. Have given them orders to move up.	VGCC A	1 AD
1041	Boss talking to TEK telling him to use his Inf. The Boss feels sure that if his plan works the enemy position will fall.	VGCC A	C/C B
1034	Intercepts Have you made contact DeJah. Have encountered arty fire and are trying to learn strength and disposition now.	C/C A	81 Bn
1156	Intercepts At 1025A 15 enemy tanks E of pass at FAID, various other scattered vehs source 12th ASD 1120A.	1 AD	C/C A
1150	Lt Engelbach, Rr Lsh (Div) would like to have overlay showing location of units of	W/Center	C/C B
1159	Adv elements 8 mi CP 12 mi W of Point 19. Intercept.	701 TD	1 AD
1150	Column strafed by planes 5 mi W point 19.	701 TD	1 AD

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1282	We are still working around the town trying to accomplish mission. CP is at 19. Parts of unit on both sides of town seem to be. No casualties so far. 150 dismounted troops in town. Arty and mortar fire coming from Olive Grove South of town also 7 tks in town. Intercept.	SI Pen	1 AD
1218	Request your location and information regarding your actions.	1 AD	
1206	Can Stack go on to support TKS site is 10 mi E Pt 48. We believe this would solve our situation and would have a telling effect if done this afternoon. (Intercept)	C/C A	1 AD
1302	The tanks opposing us are in hull down positions but we are sure they are MK IV's and they pack an awful wallop. (Intercept).	C/C A	1 AD
1346	Our tank has crossed KK Phase Line (Intercept)	W8 Inf	1 AD
1321	Probable AT position 4796 (Intercept).	SI Pen	1 AD
1327	Question can you accomplish your mission with troops available to you. Ask, and answer at once (Intercept).	1 AD	C/C A
1340	TKS talking to Pete our arty knocked out 4 pieces of arty and two withdrew (Intercept).	C/C A	1 AD
1352	Answer to 1327. Today no tomorrow yes if at all.	C/C A	1 AD
1425	Request disposition desired on 2 Bn 168 CT		
1410	Is 10 mi straight N from 48/1400. Intercept	6 Inf	1 AD
1420	TKS still 10 E Pt 48 where is your leading element.	C/C A	6 Inf
1442	Lead elements are at 6 mi N of 46.	6 Inf	1 D
1504	Pt 60 on has 20 tks and several 88mm in against N Bank of R affording them protection. Arty after them all day. South of Pt 60 3 tanks held up but knocked out 4 and 2 withdrew. Some Arty still 1500m Arty trying to knock them out. (Intercept).	C/C A	1 AD
1510	Have 3 2 1/2 ton trucks stand by to help transport 2 Bn 168. Time and place to report to be announced.	C/C B	27 PA Bn
1510	Have 4 2 1/2 ton trucks stand by to help transport 2 Bn 168 Inf. Time and place to report to be announced.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
1510	Send liaison officer to HQ C/C B without delay delay.	C/C B	2 Bn 168 Inf.
1520	Can you give location of Bob.	6 Inf	C/C A
1525	Bob located via pt 19.		
	Col Bn 168 CT visited in camp.		

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<u>31 JAN 43</u>	<u>BUU CMBRKA</u>		
1745	Have trucks for transport of 168th Inf move immediately to RJ 7157 near water point and report to LT Waffrey.	C/C B	2 Bn 15 AR W/15, 2 Bn 5th
1745	Head of column should arrive GAFSA 0800 hrs 1 FEB Order of March 175 FA Bn, 2 Bn 168 Inf, Hq Co 5th Co. 168 CF and replacement tks. Adv details leave at 1800 hrs.	C/C B	1 AD
1827	Correction on last msg reassignment to GAFSA tonight replacement tanks left early should arrive GAFSA 2230 hrs. Other elements no change.	C/C B	1 AD
1160	Provide trucks for your cord to move 2 Bn 168 Inf from BUU CMBRKA to static destination during hrs. of darkness tonight. Guides will meet 2nd Co's at GAFSA trks return to BUU CMBRKA by 0800, 1 FEB. First Lt 2nd may be made daylight app by II Corps. Will 175 arty be in position to sum night of Feb 2nd.	II Corps	C/C B
<u>1 FEB 43</u>	<u>BUU CMBRKA</u>		
0850	Company at 0800 hrs 2 FEB Unit Comdr accompanied by a staff off of this HQ will inspect the interiors of all vehs of their cord for cleanliness and proper loading.	C/C B	27, 28, 2/13 (Sent to C.O 1st Co 3 FEB).
0930	1 Bn (-B Co) move into biv at 48 at once immediately. Await or er	1 AD	C/C B
1000	Ask app re: 1 Bn 15 AR. Main body move 1100 hrs. Don elements proceeding.	C/C A	1 AD
	You will inspect the vehs of your cord for interior cleanliness and proper loading at 1300 hrs 2 FEB. You will be accompanied by a staff off of this Hq.	C/C B	C O SerV Co
0940	What is situation and plans.	6 Inf	1 AD
1000	Fighting has ceased. Situation is in hand. We are assembled waiting your orders.	6 Inf	1 AD
1021	Rpt sit. X	1 AD	C/C A
	Rpt when ready to attack. Estimate hour, inform at once immediately.	1 AD	701 TO Bn
1140	1st/1st/1st (1) Prisoner captured eyes from Inf but wears the emblem on coat. Known casualty 7 enemy tanks and some SS's - have knocked out by arty. Enemy line north and so th through via Pass. (Intercept).	C/C A	1 AD
2440	Make secret rpt on in entions immediately. (Intercept).	1 AD	C/C A
1045	Do we have troops holding pass 20 mi N Pt 31. Req info enemy trps W and N of that pass. (Intercept).	701 TO	1 AD
1046	No, but no enemy trps seen in that area. (Intercept).	1 AD	701 TO Bn

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	In connection w/veh inspections scheduled for 2/S Feb vehs will also be inspected for proper marking. It is not intended that camp be broken in order that vehs be properly loaded	C/C B	All Units
1237	This cond may repeat may move to SHMITA tonight. Take necessary action.	C/C B	All Units
1238	GRINDS is ready and going ahead & onward now. Apparently the plan is to go ahead immediately.	C/C A	1 AD
1300	Hamblin or Speedy is up ahead now. Should have been back long ago. George is waiting on more definite info which he will bring back. Progress 3 and Progress 10 moving up. Radio not too busy with battle orders to get info. Intercept.	C/C A	1 AD
1348	You are now about 14 mi NE of 96 is that correct. Will check on map and call you back.	1 AD	C/C I
1354	Is it possible to see the... is it not.		
1356	1356 Div - Are you at 96 C/C A - Just E of 96 (Intercept).		
1410 and two ... dumps (Intercept).	C/C A	1 AD
1450	Our patrol at pass 13 rd N point 21 has contacted patrol from HZC 1406. (Intercept).	6 Inf	1 AD
1505	You are directed to move your station that it is in this not to position where you can quickly obtain info I desire and to keep it there. (Intercept).	1 AD	C/C A
1518	The big swing is on.	Col Cairns	Col Russell
1545	opt to CP w/o delay.	C/C B	Hon Co 13 AK
1545	Alert your cond for movement after dark tonight.	C/C B	All Units
1600	Have adv guides at CHA/C B at 1700 hrs with transportation.	C/C B	All Units
1546	Tell HEM to alert outfit that he was talking about to be ready to move at dusk.	1 AD	16 Ingr
1550	What is Bob's situation. Bob has succeeded in taking 29. Resistance very stubborn.	6 Inf	1 AD
1555	Tell HEM to get started soon as possible with 3 trucks V 87. Watch out for birds (Intercept).	701 TD	1 AD
1558	CAL has been gone by for last 25 minutes. An still close to point 96.	C/C A	1 AD

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<u>1 FEB 43</u>	<u>BOU CHEBKA</u>		
1800	Cannot give any enemy situation beyond point 19. Sit clearing up here. Soon as it does will break thru and find out what we can.	81 Bn	1 AD
1618	Have 8pp B Co with you move to join Bob at once.	Div	18 Engr
1638	1 Plt rps 4 MK IV seen in town.	81 Bn	1 AD
1610	Give this msg to John. Have it co move out to join Bob soon as possible. In Off has already gone to Bob. Lt Co has been notified to move already.	Div	18 Engr
1810	Request air support party to report to this Hq at HADJEB EL AIGOUN as soon as possible.	C/C B	II Corps
1830	Left Div area via of BOU CHEBKA at 1630 hrs. Traveled _____ miles and arrived at HADJEB EL AIGOUN at 0200 hrs 2 FEB 43.		
1650A	Information from Army Comdr which he has from air men, French and other reliable sources indicate German attack direction HADJEB EL AIGOUN - FONDROCK is imminent. You move your C/C _____ cover of darkness tonight to the area HADJEB EL AIGOUN and W thereof. You will clear RJ S of TIRLEPTE Airfield by 2200 A. 1 PBR. Tail of your column must clear SERTILA by 0300A, 2 FEB. You will pass command CO 1st Armd Div COOLA, 2 ENB, CP 1 AD opens SERTILA that hour.	II Corps	C/C B
<u>2 FEB 43</u>	<u>HADJEB EL AIGOUN</u>		
0620	Cont closed in area HADJEB EL AIGOUN at 0630 (msg 27.7)	C/C B	1 AD and II Corps
0730	Closed in biv at 0700 hrs 29 tanks. Expect 10 more tonight. 0835.	2 Bn 18 AB	C/C B
0856	Capt Sutherland of Cant will be up to your area with a msg for you. Let me know when he arrives.	1 AD	C/C B
	As soon as possible take over positions of elements C/C A now at HADJEB EL AIGOUN and have those elements assemble. rpt when relief is accomplished and McQuillins elements are ready for movement orders.	1 AD	
1900	Telephone conversation between Gen Kolinett and Gen Ward. DEFEAT: USIS Force will move under cover darkness tonight to 53 17LA. Baker remains present position 2/400 in Corps reserve - HADJEB EL AIGOUN.	Gen 1st Gen Robin et	
1255	Btry A 33 FA will be withdrawn today.	C/C B	27 FA Bn
1045	Map template reference holes 551684297 map template tilt angle 21 map 4227 ask receipt of this msg by originating a msg addr send to this Hq.	1 AD	All Units
1205	Have A.S.P. which may be able to send to you. Do you want it. 1200.	Air Reg	C/C A

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<u>2 FEB 45</u>	<u>HADJEB EL AIOUJ</u>		
1534	Have Capt Hailgartje. Do not send a other.	C/C B	Air Request
1536	Intercept - Mag for 3 movement of elements SW from 14 mi SW of FONDOUK, Ron be under cover darkness. Movement of one of these elements be under cover darkness as requested by C.O.	C/C A	Intercept
1535	Piper Cub planes are expected over area. Do not fire. Planes are small - star on side and under right wing. Yellow nose - will be flying low.	1 AD	All Units
1605	A-20 Bombed 4-0464 ammo dump successfully. Big explosion after flight 10 mi past 1-39 set CP house on fire at 4-0465 flak at targets. All planes safe.	Barkhead	Wigmore
1600	Alert your command at once. Orders follow.	1 AD	C/C B
1600	Alert your command at once. Orders follow. Intercept.	1 AD	6 Inf
1610	Alert your command for movement. And In Off to CP w/o delay.	C/C B	All Units
1600	Intercept - Alert your command at once. Orders follow.	1 AD	C/C B
1600	Intercept - Elements are en route to area tonight from SW of FONDOUK, hold them at present location until further orders. C/C A immediately on receipt of msg. orders were sent out for those people to rpt to you may have already left.	1 AD	C/C A
1600	Rpt to CP at once.	C/C B	C O Ron Co 15 AR
1740	Rpt to this CP immediately Left CP at HADJEB EL AIOUJ at 527.7 mi for OUSS LITA area.	C/C B	COL TD Pa
<u>3 FEB 45</u>	<u>WHOTE OUSSLITA AREA AND AREA</u>		
0225	Request air cover from HARTAR to point 12 mi E on HARTAR - C/C B OUSSLITA road from 0630 to 0830 hrs.	C/C B	12 ASC
0220	Request Maj Arnold 16 Engrs with trk and maps of join this command at HARTAR for loading operation.	C/C B C/C B	1 AD
0210	Comd will not class price to 0630. Request Air cover of HARTAR.	C/C B	II Corps.
	Your msg signed at 02150 read 030145. What SCR 299 do you refer to.	C/C B	II Corps.

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0810	Col Campbell & Col Detmiller arrive 8 Feb for 6-20 days investigation tank recovery and maintenance for W. B. Freidmalls.	I Corps	C/C B
	Have your air support party.	II Corps	C/C B
0850	Yes we have air support party.	C/C B	I AD
0800	Move your Co to vicinity of MAXAR after dark tonight. Send officer to reconiter area today.	C/C B	C O Serv Co
	Map template will be used on listening post one immediately.	I AD	C/C B
0800	Your msg res map template and listening post not understood.	C/C B	I AD
0800	2 Bn 8 Inf closed in biv at 0840 hrs. CP 7.8 miles N MAXAR. N side of road.	2 Bn 8 Inf	C/C B
0820	2 Bn 13 AF closed in area 0645 hrs.	L O 2/15	C/C B
0725	16 Eng (Co A) closed in biv 0915 hrs.	L O 16 Eng	C/C B
0845	7 FA closed in biv at 0800 hrs minus one gun.	Coral Col Brockhoff	
0845	Maint Co 13 AF closed in biv at 0745	L O Maint	C/C B
0915	Tail cleared IF at 0800 baby is on the door step 0345 hrs.	C/C B	I AD
1034	CP moved from control Civils building to house on North East edge of MAXAR.		
0815	Biv area strafed by 2 B 100's at 0800 hrs. Unenal .50's machine gun returned fire. No casualties and no damage.	COL TB	C/C B
	All quiet our air cover over area at 0800 hrs.	C/C A	C/C B
0804	Move your Co to vicinity of MAXAR after dark.	C/C B	C O Serv Co.
0807	Your msg res map template and listening post not understood.	C/C B	I AD
0400	2 Bn 8 Inf closed in bivouac at 0840. CP 5.7 miles East of MAXAR on north side of road. Following vehicles still on road for main heavier than ours 4 H/T and 1 - 37mm SP.		
0803	Report when tail of column clear initial point and when all your command closed in assembly area time.	I AD	C/C B

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<u>2 FEB 43</u>	<u>MARKAN</u>		
0800	Reference your 0245 to CC C/O from CC II Corps regret unable to comply due to shortage.	II Corps	C/C B
0906	Ask receipt of msg signed 2315 at 0850.	6 Inf	1 AD
1400	Request locations and missions of C/O A, C/O C C/O D and Div Res also any major changes in composition of forces. Copy of Division mission. Contain enemy Fald and SONDOCK. Active defense patrolling active use artillery fire insure no exit y enemy. Notify McQuillin at once. Ask by radio or telephone.	C/O B	CG 1 AD
1510	Request at least one btry Ask Ask be attached to this command.	1 AD	C/C B
1650	Amold will remain with 1st Btry. Tap truck will arrive at your CP tonight.	II Corps	C/C B
1900	Following units will arrive today night 3/4 BMB, Co C 1st Bn, Co B 47 1st Bn, one Plt 445 CA Bn, Co B Supply Bn less one plt.		
1915	Msg from Anderson to Robinett. You are placed under command Robinett. Gen L O CO 23 Field Reg located Njerissa for orders. Ask.	II Corps	C/C B

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To Big Fences #25 down south of large white farm
house. Destroy secret bomb sight and equipment if
not recoverable. Coordinates on Venus and C-843.

0900	You are relieved command Gen Robinett and att to 1st Inf Div by order Gen KOSLIZ. You will move w/o delay and take positions in the region KSI-21-GUERCOUR. HENCHER EL ASKER. Constituting with Bn of 1/16 CT and the French battery a tactical group under the orders of a commander to be appointed by Gen Allen of 1st Inf Div. Mission held by arty fire the region crossroad MAUSOLE (h) to slow up the progress of enemy detachment from this cross road on to the OU BELSIA Plain in such a way as to permit Gen Robinett's armored group to intervene.	C/C B	C O 23 Field Regt CO Dtry.
0900	23 Field Regt (British) formerly att to this comd is relieved from Robinett an att to 1st Inf Div by orders of Gen Kozitz. L O from 23 IR ordered to contact you.	C/C B	1st Inf Div

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4 FEB 1945	WANTAR		
0845	Gen Koeltz will be here between 1800 & 1700 hrs.	Capt Frankel	C/C B
1220	Situation quiet.	G Inf	C/C B
1240	Request location of your CP.	1 AD	C/C B
1255	Our CP located at WANTAR.	C/C B	1 AD
1314	This Bn moved to new location last nite, is now located at 0-4874.	2 Bn 1 AR	C/C B
1625	Gen Koeltz arrived at CP for conference with Gen Robinson.		
1734	Report to CP at 2000 hrs.	C/C B	All Units
	Troops now under our command	C/C B	3-1
	13 AR (-1st and 3rd Bns)	B Co 47 Inf	3-4
	Hq Det C/C-B	C Co 48th Inf	
	2 Bn 6 Inf	F Co Supply Bn	
	2 Bn 1 AR	16 Med	
	1 Co 16 Eng	1st Bn 1st Co 442 Inf	
1855	Send Capt. Eames to duty with Steak without delay.	1 AD	C/C B
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0915	Send Capt Eames to duty with Steak without delay.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
1110	Request that mol loaned by Hq 13 AR be returned to Hq 13 AR immediately. This M/C loaned at SOUK EL KHAMIS to C Co 701 TD Bn.	C/C B	701 TD
1112	Gen Allen desires your presence at Div CP 1400 today for conference with Gen. Koeltz.		C/C B
1150	British report probability that front of Mk VI tank is impervious to six pounder. Using untrapped ammo is effective against sides including turret up to 600 yds up to 30 degrees. Believe it is essential that all anti-tank guns be sighted for infilade fire. One box 75 grenades with 3 detonators laid on top will stop tank.	II Corps	
1215	Send large scale reproduction of mine field overlay due today as soon as possible to this Hq.	C/C B	1/16 Reg
1555	Send 4 men with their full equipment to Serv Co immediately. They are to act as guards on an advanced supply point until relieved. Transportation will be furnished them by Service Co after they report.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
1800	There is information at hand to the effect that your command destroyed some enemy tanks with 75mm BRAN or 37mm high velocity ammo. Full report of circumstances of this successful employment of the ammo will be made to II Corps and CO 1 AD.	1 AD	C/C B

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<u>8 FEB 45</u>	<u>MANTER</u>		
1025	SIGNAL 1700 hrs 4/2/45. 6 Armd Div Pt 070 Bst O-6992 held by Co. Green Uds 3 MG's and PW's taken. Army GP reports enemy active in front of PARS. 2 Para Bn and Sq 17/21 Lancers moving to O-7069. 78 Div - No change. 48 Cav - 159 Bde report 3 MG 109's and 3 PW 190 labelled 214761 - 18 casualties. T-60's - 8 badly damaged vehicles from O-7516. No movements Rd O-7503 - O-8385 - O-8724 - O-6799 - O-8396 - O-7495.	Lt Frank	C/C B
1140	Gen Robinson may use radio communication with his reconnaissance elements. In order to avoid dis- closing the presence of his force he will arrange with Gen Allen to use the Code frequencies and call signs as this division.	Lt Frank	C/C B
1145	SIGNAL 1700 hrs 4/2/45. II Corps - com elements SIGNAL withdrew to G.P.S. night 3/4 to report.	Lt Frank	C/C B
1200	SIGNAL 4/2/45 MANTER Sector - DE LANGOUR and DE HILLIGAT occupied by us. Patrols went out into the MANTER area find the ground and PW of this lightly held.	Lt Frank	C/C B
<u>8 FEB 45</u>			
0650	Request full report either negative or positive heavy air attack to cover this area to include outings and concealment.	C/C B	II Corps
0850	Report to this C/P at once. Heavy and field on days if completed.	C/C B	A/16 Engr
1040	Effective this date units will comply with the provisions of TH 19 this B dated 8 APR re: Physical conditioning. Care will be taken not to violate camouflage discipline in passing large groups of troops.	C/C B	All Units
1145	Six prisoners were captured from German patrol reported in message of 1100 hrs. Com. your units to CP at 1200 hrs for conference	3 Inf	1 AD
1215	Allied force HQ is extremely anxious to secure one complete German Sln mortar with some ammuni- tion. If either of these weapons or ammunition (also Italian Sln mortar) is captured they will be tagged for the Ordnance Officer, II Corps and delivered to the Depot Officer of the nearest Class 7 Depot.	II Corps	All Units C/C B

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Gen Anderson visited this CP at 1200 hrs for conference with Gen Robinson.

2000 On 2 Feb 48 Pls C O's inspected all personnel and small arms of their command. COL TD C/C B

On the afternoon of Jan 21, 1948, the gun section 2nd Co IS C/C B
Sgt Plt Ben Co supported the tank attack of C/C B
from the left flank with one 75mm assault gun and
one 57mm SP mounted in M-S E/T. Three Mark IV
tanks were observed in position with their rears
exposed to the gun section. 75mm HE shells scored
direct hits on the rear of the 3 enemy tanks setting
each of them on fire which destroyed them. During
this action, two rounds of 75mm HE/AF ammunition
were fired but were observed to have fallen short
of the targets. No 57mm high velocity ammo was
available at this time, but the following day, Jan
22, Mark 3 tanks were engaged at 2000 yds and five
rounds were fired, one over and 4 hits which were
observed to ricochet off the tanks at that range.
Two blast mines and 2 HE rounds were also fired
but fell short of the target. Therefore employment
of the new 75mm HE/AF ammo has not been adequate
yet to determine its success. Employment of the
new 57mm high velocity ammo to date has established
the fact that it has greater range, but its penet-
ration power is as yet not known.

2045 French HQ at MANTAR-AL-ALON report that French 1 AD C/C B
are mining all approaches to FICHON.

2055 Request aerial photos of the following areas C/C B II George
from verticals 86 to 88 and horizontal 285 to 287. Request that photos be forwarded this HQ as
soon as possible. MASC

Commencing at 0700 7 FEB you will a recorder C/C B 2 En IS AR
on the MANTAR - OUSSEKILA road vicinity your
bivouac who will record during the hours of day-
light until further orders the type, direction
and time of each vehicle which passes. Org will
also be recorded if possible without stopping vehicle.

2157 Reference message re: memorandums on Physical com- Train HQ C/C B
muttering. This HQ has never received memo re-
ferred to nor memo on security. Request copies
of these and subsequent publications be furnished.

2 FEB 48

0640 Report to this CP at once. C/C B 4/28 Engr

1130 Request one technical engineer gun section of C/C B 1 AD
Hq 14 Armd Engrs be assigned to this command as
soon as possible.

2100 Piper cube will fly over the MANTAR area at C/C B ALL Units
1200 hrs Feb 8. Planes are marked with regular US
markings. They will fly low and check camouflage.

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MAINTAR

1215 4 AA guns at 28702, 2 AA guns and 16 vehicles fired on planes (Intercept).

C/C A

1 AD

Observation from Piper Cub plane which flew over this area today reveals your area very poor in cover, concealment, camouflage. You will take immediate steps to correct this.

C/C B

C/Mint En
Serv/15 AR

Report of vehicles travelling on MAINTAR - OUSSELTIA Road

TIME
FEB 7 AM

No.

TYPE

DIRECTION

	56	Peep	East	
	56	Peeps	West	
	23	2-ton trucks	East	
	9	2-ton trucks	East	
	14	Jeeps	East	
	11	Jeeps	West	
	2	3/4 Ton	East	
	2	3/4 Ton	West	
	4	Trailers	East	
	3	1/2	East	
	4	1/2	West	
	10	French	East	
	10	French	West	
	7	British	East	
	1	British	West	
FM	45	Peeps	East	
	65	Peeps	West	2 En En C/C B
	6	2-ton	East	
	21	2-ton	East	
	6	3/4 Ton	East	
	6	3/4 ton	West	
	3	1/2	East	
	6	1/2	West	
FM	21	French	West	
	21	French	West	
	52	British	East	
	6	British	West	
	3	British	East	
	21	French	West	

Request for aerial observation for the next day should be addressed to Kiber by 1800 hrs. Only the most urgent demands regarding operations will be addressed directly to the RAF.

French

C/C B

1028

As from Feb 9 1800 hrs this CP will operate from DJERISSA.

Lt Frank

C/C B

8 FEB 45

1120

Approx 3 Bns Inf coming over pass W DJ BOU-DABOUSS. Our arty working on them. Will advise further.

1st Inf

C/C B

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MAITAR

HQ 1st Army closes CONSTANTINE 1800 hrs 9 FEB
and opens LAVEDURE 1800 hrs 9 FEB 1943.

II Corps C/C B

Vehicles going East 233, vehicles going West
235 as seen from CP at 2nd Bn 15 AR bivouac
8 mi East Maitar.

2 Bn 15 AR C/C B

Staff meeting will be held at 1900 tonight.
Unit CO meeting at 2000 hrs at which only
principle staff officers will attend in those
listed above.

C/C B

S 1, 2, 3, 4,
and 5. Surgeon
Chaplain C/C B.

There will be a meeting of all unit CO's at this
HQ at 2000 hrs tonight

C/C B

All Units

Changes in location 8 Feb '43 5th FA Bn -
O-7346 "A" Btry 86th AA C-7227, 1 Btry,
108 AA C-4334.

1st Inf

C/C B

Army armored elements concentrating in FORT
DU PAINS - KALBUAN area. Be ready to move at
dawn as per my instructions of 3 FEB. Do not
move until further orders.

XIX Corps

C/C B

10 FEB 43

0630

What is the thrust line.

601 TD

C/C B

0630

No thrust line in operation. Line will be
designated before any move.

C/C B

601 TD

1220

In order to clarify records of C/C B, C O of
above units will submit report to S 3 C/C B
the amounts (by type if possible) of all enemy
material captured or destroyed during CUSSEULTIA
Valley campaign 20/26 JAN 43 Incl. Neg reports
will be submitted.

C/C B

Reg/15 AR
2 Bn 15 AR
27 FA, 701 TD

1050

Guides referred to in warning order may be relieved
at dark but will be posted daily at dawn until
further orders. You will continue all assigned
work. ~~App~~ Attached is minefield correction from
1st Inf Div.

C/C B

A/16 Engr

0945

Change in location 9 Feb 43 Co A 1st Engr Bn
O-7343, 2nd Bn 16th Inf new div O-8146.

1st Inf

C/C B

1605

Alert is off. No movement expected tonight.

C/C B

All Units

1740

"A" Co 16 Engr has model minefield in their
area. All unit commanders will visit exhibit.
Other officers and as many Cqr commanders as
possible will also attend. Exhibit will be kept
three days.

C/C B

All Units

0915

Report to CG C/C B so etine today.

C/C B

Lt Frank
XIX Corps.

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<u>20 FEB 48</u>	<u>MANTAR</u>		
1055	Re: our msg HQA 8 FEB, subreturn of W/C loaned to Co C 501 TD by Sq 15 AR at SOUK EL KHREJA. W/C has not yet been returned and is badly needed by this HQ. Request compliance by Co C 501st TD on replacement.	C/C B	CG 1 AB
<u>21 FEB 48</u>			
0830	S-3 report 0600 hrs. 10 FEB 48 to 0800 hrs 11 FEB 48 CP at 529 reports Strg of arty at 732501 also undetermined. French arty firing on small scale. No planes observed. 3 Bn 6 Inf is in area which 2 Bn 1st AR planned to use for tank-arty fire. Co C, 701 TD has orders to fire on any tanks moving at night. Division between II Corps area and III French Corps area as shown by C/C C does not agree with that shown by your HQ.	3 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
<u>21 FEB 48</u>			
0830	Command post now at 1-0300. Antwerp.	3 Bn 6 Inf	CG 1 AB
0930	Information at 1st Inf Div fwd CP causes them to believe C/C B is laying mine fields. Please inform us as to who, when, where they may be laying mines so I can verify the information.	A/15 Engr	C/C B
1430	Word rec'd thru "A" Co 14 Engr that your forward CP is under the impression that this command is laying minefields. This command has laid no minefields in this area (MANTAR - OUSSEIFIA VALLEY) since JAN 29th when it originally left for another sector.	C/C B	1 Inf Div
1430	No organization in this command is laying minefields or has laid them since leaving this area JAN 29.	C/C B	A/15 Engr Bn
1530	C.O. Popeye II via Danger Bear. Information all French arty will remain area PICHON-FORMDOUK except 3 Strys PS-1-Stry 06.	Frank	C/C B
0930	(1) The Plan indicated by my order 500/3-5 of 8-2-48 will be carried out in direct liaison with the 1st U.S. Division. The artillery units of this Div should always be ready to make profitable intervention in these reconnaissance either to protect them or to aid their fulfillment. (2) In the case of eventual intervention in the OUSSEIFIA Valley against an enemy from the BYZANTINE RUINS, L'AIN D'ALLOULA or from PICHON. Gen Robinett will study his action with Gen Allen. Close. Signed, HENLEY.	Frank	C/C B
1944	Going to lines being down, no sitrep at present from V Corps 48 Div or 2 Arm Div. There has been no activity on these fronts today.	Frank	C/C B

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<u>12 FEB 45</u>	<u>MANJAR</u>		
1004	Change in location 10-11 FEB 5 Bn 1st MTA and 5 Bn 2nd MTA. 2200A FEB 10/45 1st Bn 155th Inf relieved above troops, 3rd Bn 155th Inf relieved 1st Bn 1st MTA.	1st Inf Div	C/C B
<u>13 FEB 45</u>			
1125	Are you firing today. If so, where and what caliber.	C/C B	2 Bn 8 Inf
	The following deficiencies have been noted in this area by CG II Corps. They will be corrected where applicable. (Note: 1. Parking vehicles unnecessarily in areas subject to air attack. 2. Trucks closed up double and parked in vulnerable areas. 3. Trucks have been observed with drivers only -- no air guards. 4. Personnel in trucks not wearing helmets and even not wearing them. Subsequent further, during daylight movement, AA guns will be uncovered, loaded and manned.	C/C B	All Units
1250	There will be no firing practice of any type by units of this command in this area until further orders.	C/C B	All Units
1255	Report to this CP at once.	C/C B	2 Bn 8 Inf
1350	Div Arty will fire arty mission tonight via pass M-BW BOU DA BOUSS. Stay out of pass N of BOU DARIUSS till after midnight.	1st Inf	C/C B
1422	Countersign Joseph Parole Noll FEB 14-15 for 15 - 16 countersign Electricity Parole Motor. Above message sent to all units C/C B.	1 AD	C/C B
1705	Lt Col Honeycutt II Corps G-3 Section informed S-3 C/C B at HADJEB EL ALCUN yesterday that 2 Bn 1 AR was going back under CG 1 AD and was surprised that this HQ had received no word you may expect to move soon. ()	C/C B	2 Bn 1 AR
1745	Truscott and party will be at your CP after midnight tonight. Have guide at P.O. MANJAR to meet party. Ask.	II Corps	C/C B
2000	Ask your msg 1745 hrs re: Truscott.	C/C B	II Corps.
2000	Have Lt Green or Sgt Simons report to H.J LONG at once.	C/C B	C O-Hq & Hq Co
2225	Be prepared to move at dawn. Ask.	C/C B	1 Bn 1 and 15 A/16, Hq 15 AR.

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<u>13 FEB 43</u>	<u>MANTAR</u>		
2245	1 Co your Bn att to 27 FA for move into valley time movement 0600 hrs 14 FEB. Have C O of Co you are attaching to 27 FA report to Col Brookloff this CP (HQ C/C B) without delay. Alert remainder of your Bn for move into valley daylight 14 FEB on orders this HQ.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
2250	Move 1 Surgical Truck section with two supporting ambulances to your former location in the GUSSELLIA Valley. Movement to start at 0600 hrs 14 FEB 43.	C/C B	B/47 Med Bn
2300	Truscott will not be tonight. Take off your guides.	C/C B	Hq 15th
<u>14 FEB 43</u>			
0004	Be prepared to move your entire Bn at 0330 hrs 14 FEB. Orders follow. "B" Co will not be attached to the 27 FA.	C/C B	C O 601 TD Bn
0008	Request air cover be immediately available on call from this HQ. This command is alerted to move via MANTAR to GUSSELLIA on MANTAR to PICHON Roads at dawn 14 FEB. Mandatory to have air cover as enemy could disrupt our road movement to counter enemy thrust.	C/C B	II Corps
0040	Re; our discussion of plans. Gen Re agrees in principle. Will discuss with you tomorrow. He believes A/co Tk should operate with C/601 TD and should be centrally located in Valley to operate either direction. He believes these two units should be athd C/C B if C/C B operates in valley for coordination of all armor.	C/C B	CG 1st Inf Div
0058	Co "D" attached to 27 FA stop reminder of Bn alerted. Request you send platoon from Co B now on MP duty in MANTAR back to its company.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
0045	Party of Truscott has changed plans to CG Popeys from CG II Corps and will not visit tonight. Aok.	XIX Corps	C/O B
0600	New CP O-5728 1/2 mile off the road to your right. 3/4 miles from post of M. & O. road	601 TD	C/C B
0945	sign. Our bivouac at coordinates reported in midst of C/C B gas dump - request permission to move after dark north of MANTAR - GUSSELLIA RD. We would select a bivouac so as not to interfere with 27 FA.		
1055	Permission granted to move North of MANTAR & GUSSELLIA RD. You may infiltrate today if so desired. Send location when established.	C/C B	601 TD Bn

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<u>14 FEB 45</u>	<u>MAKTAR</u>		
1544	Move your Bn at once to HADJEB EL AIGUN where you will come under STACK FORCE. Route via EL ALA. Trucks etc will move after dark over route you select. We have no information of traffic after dark on MAKTAR - OUSSELTIA or MAKTAR - PICHON Road.	C/C B	2 Bn 1 AR
1544	Alert calling for movement at dawn or thereafter is hereby cancelled.	C/C B	2 Bn 15th and 6th Reg Co 15; 4/15th
1554	C/C B will send at once 2nd Bn 1st AR to HADJEB EL AIGUN, come under command 1st Army Div arrival. Route via EL ALA. Starting at once timing most important. Air cover being asked for 1500 hrs.		
1707	CO in moving through your area today felt that the slit trenches in general had not been dug.	C/C B	2nd 15 AR GOL TD Bn 27 FA Bn
1545	Bn CP Reg Co moved to areas by infiltration one mile SE of areas occupied this AM. Co D of 1st Bn and 3rd Co 1st Bn occupy same areas at G-5750.	GOL TD	C/C B
1700	Co B, 4th Co, Co A, Bn CP now located at G-5750 arrived in this area at 0600 14 FEB. Co D 6 Inf in adjacent area.	GOL TD	C/C B

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1129	Request that while my command is in this sector A Co., 1st TD Bn and C Co 1st TD Bn be under my command in order that all the armor and the bulk of the AF be coordinated for action in the OUSSELTIA VALLEY. If this is done, I propose to move the light tanks and Co C 1st TD to an area about 3 miles SE of OUSSELTIA and elements of the 1st TD Bn S.E. in the direction of EL ALA and PICHON.	C/C B	XII Corps
1124	Please send immediately location of your HQ. Answer to above: No change (by phone)	III Corps	C/C B
1045	Change location 15 FEB 1945 2 Bn 26 Inf via 6460.	II Corps	C/C B
1430	Alert your command for possible move to SREITIA at once. Camouflage material will be left in place until ordered to move. Have L. C. report to this CP at once.	C/C B	All Units
1540	Request MP platoon be alerted and prepared to be tied in with E Co when we pass through MAKTAR. Shall I send for Co B now in valley with Wreckoff - Can I get back detail from Co E now on advance Gas Dump.	2 Bn 26th Inf	C/C B
1040	MP Platoon will be alerted but will move via SREITIA if you go by EL ALA. Do not send for Co D. Do not send for Co E. It will tie in with you. Regardless of how you were relieve E Co dump guard by D Co which is adjacent.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf

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MARTAP

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1st Army has confirmed me that 601 TD remains at disposition of 19 Corps and will not go with your detachment if you leave our sector.

XIX Corps

C/C B

1950

Orders changed. You will move with us tonight. Send Liaison Officer, Orders Follow.

C/C B

601 TD Bn

2200

C/C B ordered to SBEITLA tonight. Mission of C/C B in MARTAP area taken over by 19/5 Landers (Weinf) now located 10 miles E of MARTAP.

C/C B

1st Inf Div
2d Inf Div

16 FEB 45

SBEITLA

C/C B left MARTAP for new area vicinity SBEITLA. Arrived SBEITLA 0610 hrs. CP 1.0 rd NE RJ. SBEITLA - PAID Road.

0730

3 waves of enemy tanks advancing west of T-4265. 1st AD Alert your command.

1st AD

C/C B

0940

Have your Company at once to locate and maintain contact with enemy tanks reported at 1-2065 at 0930. Report strength and direction of movement.

C/C B

1st AD

0640

Alert your command and prepare to move.

C/C B

All Units

0965

You 1st AD sent to maintain contact with enemy. Command being alerted.

C/C B

1 AD

1005

Explain in writing why your command was two hrs late at IP moving to SBEITLA area.

C/C B

601 TD Bn

1005

Do not fire Piper Cub now in air.

C/C A

All Stations

1045

Thrust line as follows:
Point of origin T 1080.
Point of extension T 7040

C/C B

All Units

0950

Up until last message re: tanks everything has been quiet. CG 1 AD received orders from Corps about 30 min ago and is making own plans. I shall remain here to get details of our own troops.

1135

Request air recon of any movement from south on T 826.

C/C B

CG 1 AD

1145

Closed in bivouac 0600

Serv/13 AM

C/C B

1211

CP at 4-311-7. No enemy signs.

601 TD

C/C B

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16 FEB 43	SBBITLA		
1816	Countersign 16 - 17 Guard Parole Troops " 17 - 18 Division Parole, Reconnaissance.	1 AD	All Units
1765	Enemy direct fir. hvy caliber landing in vic T 5636 using tracer ammo. Veh knocked out unable to identify whether friendly or enemy. Will try to locate source of fire.	601 TD	C/C B
1735	The signal for enemy air attack will be a single red flare fired from a VEH Pistol or ground signal projector. Enemy aircraft will be fired at upon	C/C B	All Units
2064	Location of our CP 2.9 mi NE RR Crossing SBBITLA.	C/C B	All Units
2064	Location of our CP 2.9 mi NE of RR Crossing. Overlay follows.	C/C B	1 AD
2102	Send one Off and 50 men w/ side arms to rpt to C O Co A 18 Ingr to assist in laying mines throughout night 14-17 FEB. Tools will be furnished by Ingrs. Details may be arranged. Rpt to Ad T-3871.	C/C B	2 Bn 13 A ⁴ 27 FA Bn
2055	Send 1st Off to CP Co A 18 Ingr at once to keep you posted on progress of mins laying CP at T-3872 Olive Grove just E of SBBITLA.	C/C B	601 TD
2100	The minefield being laid tonight along the general line T-3878 - T-3873 - T-3600 will have gaps every 1000 yds. Gaps will have at least one turn. Guards will be posted every 500 yds. All are cautioned to watch for guard's signals and obey same.	C/C B	All Units
2184	Co 81 Ron w/ tanks will pass through our area in the early morning. Look before you shoot.	C/C B	COI, 27, 2/13, 2/6, Ron/13
2215	Have outposts been established. Send at once to this HQ location of CP and overlay of dispositions. location this CP 2968.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
2345	Our co now full organizing counterattack to B. He feels we need help in our sector if we become engaged astride SBBITLA - PAID road.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
0028 17 FEB	Alert your tank destroyers and wait orders. Ans- No have none of these. They are probably already engaged.	6 Inf	1 AD
0028 17 FEB	Tanks attacking Inf which seems to be drawing back Grosley is turned around from where he was. Intercept.	1 AD	C/C A
0030	If necessary save biv to S of town. Maintain contact with German column and report location.	C/C B	16 Ingr
2350	German tanks attacking toward SBBITLA now at T4668	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/C B
2350	German tanks reported by 2 Bn 6 Inf attacking toward SBBITLA and now rptd at T-4668.	C/C B	1 AD

<u>TIME DATE</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
<u>16 FEB 43</u>	<u>SB 17LA</u>		
2340	German tanks attacking toward SMITLA. Now rpt at T-4569.	C/C B	All Units
1736	The signal for enemy air attack will be a single red flare fired from VERY Pistol or ground signal projector. Enemy planes will be fired on receipt of this signal.	1 AD	All Units
1730	No movement seen SE of line T 1545 - T 1533-70625 -1630A. Head of enemy column at 38210 at S 9210. 3 MK III tanks leading 1545A at S-3600G. 3 tanks SW of road, 4 tanks on NW of road 1545A. 10 veh moving NW at 1630A.	1 AD	All units
1850	German 5-0 Bn at S-3ED fwd elements at GAF6A at 1655A.	1 AD	All units
<u>17 FEB 43</u>	<u>SBMITLA</u>		
0015	German tanks now at 3971. Attack at once. Our mediums coming.	C/C B	601 TD
0022	Stopped detail of ans. 1210	2/15 AB	C/C B
0030	It is rptd that 40 to 60 enemy tanks coming down road HANJAH EL ALOUN. This was rptd by 1cn element that has pulled out. (intercept).		
0045	Have tanks warmed up and crews stand by for orders	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
0105	Alert your unit pack and be ready to move on short notice.	C/C B	All units
	Troops are in hand, enemy taken under fire by our arty. We think they have been over-run. Don't know about SB. CP C/C A 3 rd Bn SBMITLA. Position attacked! Bn Co on left rptd 40 tanks. Tex.		
0040	Moving to W of village and Crosby S to cover Kern still in position.	C/C A	1 AD
0142	Center position pulled to North more. Recd fire from both sides. Our tanks and theirs from C/C A try to close gap on your right. From 1/6 Wilco.	1 Bn 6 Inf	C/C A
2200	Unit is withdrawing slowly from pos and moving to post he was to have gone to.	S Bu 15	C/C A
0255	1 round of our hvy arty fell 200 yds short of our pos	601 TD	C/C B
0250	Our artillery falling into vic of 601 TD Bn	C/C B	1 AD
0250	We are 2 or 3 mi S large explosions and fires.	106 CA	1 AD
0315	Situation apparently unchanged as far as our mission is concerned. Inf will follow re any change in disposition necessary.	C/C B	All units

<u>AT 188 43</u> <u>1555 DATED</u>	<u>SBRTLA</u> <u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>RE POSITION</u>
0314	We are going to hold. Use every available trick you know. Use coastguards and patrolboats. We are going to attack here. We will lick these bastards. We will have what it takes. This msg will be passed on to all subordinate units.	1 AD	All units
0250	We are holding via COMBAT. All counting on you to take necessary measures to keep positions, ammo and plane fuel in case. From 11:00 AM. Must hold SBRTLA. Take necessary action and hold C/C B as striking force. Upon 11:00 AM. Take necessary action to prevent enemy aircraft from landing.	1 AD	C/C B
0358	We now located at 10000.	C/C B	All units
0445	Situation unchanged in enemy action.	601 ED	C/C B
0025	Enemy attacking. Incl. which seems to be drawing back. Enemy is taking positions from where he was (intercept).	C/C A	1 AD
0020	If necessary move back to 10000 (south of 10000). Maintain contact w/ 10000 Col and unit.	C/C B	10 Eng
0445	Enemy is there he is supposed to be or shown on overlay. Location given you by 10000. Line is 10000 hold in depth.	C/C A	C/C B
0400	Have your first line in order that you will be to hold.	C/C B	1 AD
0410	Enemy must not penetrate beyond point where your GP is.	1 AD	C/C B
0416	You must hold area 10000 line 7 - 8.2 line 8 in your 10000 (10000).	1 AD	C/C B
0430	1/18 is 3 or 4 mi. of you. Shall be remain clear. Leave 1/18 in present location and send 10000 info.	Inspector	C/C B
0600	Has your 10000 arrived?	C/C B	2/18, 1/18
0625	In reports to 10000 you are ordered.	7 ED	C/C B
0610	10000 has not arrived.	27 FA	
0615	Of 10000-10000. What are your orders.	1/18 10000	C/C B
	Displays by 10000 to area 10000 of 2/18	27 FA and	
0615	Have your 10000 in positions in the area 10000 at once by 10000.	C/C B	27 FA

<u>BY FILE AS</u>	<u>SBHITLA</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>INFO</u>
<u>TIME DATA</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>		
0530	Send Baker's Liaison here. At first light push elements of your unit into defiladed positions not more than one mi E of present positions in order to prevent enemy penetration W of N-5 line thru DJ BROWN.	C/C B	2/15 AR
0535	Has your L O arrived	C/C B	2/15 AR
0640	Am not aware of any such assignment referred to in the accompanying msg but thought that the assignment was intended for me but had not arrived. Will you please notify the bearer if this matters to me.	Mail Co	C/C B
0650	CO Tank unit near KASHEKIN. If your unit is the one that is to keep in the defense of the river near here contact Col here of the 19 Regt at once. If you have no telephone msg use mine. The bearer will direct you.	19 Regt	Mail Co
0615	L O has not arrived Move your Bn to high ground at T-306 w/o delay protect rear of COI from infiltration.	BT FA	C/C B
0735	No orders have been read attacking you to any one. However if your tanks are needed in that area and can help out have them do so. Native situation is not good.	C/C B	CO Mail
	Location C/C A		
	1. Boundary SBHITLA-PAID rd incl. C/C A SBHITLA		
	2. Inf 1/6 165125 - 175125 - 185125 - 175100 - 350100.		
	3. Left flank Bn Co 1 AR		
	4. BT FA - 8 guns 355155 - 345170.		
	5. Between and in front arty 1/2 mi.		
	6. TD's both flanks (-C Co) 1/2 mi.		
	7. Hq where at present.		
0750	Report your location CO rpt to CP at once ask.	C/C B	1/16 Engr.
0755	Report observed arty fire to your front.	C/C B	2 Bn 15 AR
0800	My mission is to hold SBHITLA until 1100 hrs today. Your mission is to prevent enemy penetration S of SBHITLA and E of DJ BROWN. You may be called upon for action E to relieve situation via SBHITLA. Run of routes necessary. When C/C C withdraws it will leave a delaying position at T-2175. You should reconnoiter routes leading W from you (preferably S of RR Track) to enable you to withdraw. Who other than combat may be started W when you desire. The order of withdrawal of the Combat Commands will be decided according to the situation.	1 AD	C/C B
0800	Oral orders issued to CO Co A, 15 Engr to occupy position defense via T 3875.	Russell	1/16 Engr

<u>17 FEB 68</u> <u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>SMITLA</u> <u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DEST</u>
0835	Arty fire landing in our area, believed to be our own.	COL TD	C/C B
0845	1 AD knows your location and checking arty fire.	C/C B	COL TD
0852	Have notified air people not to fire on your people re: last msg re: arty fire. They know locations of your people and are carrying out registration very carefully.	1 AD	C/C B
0915	Arty fire landing 1500 to 400 yds our direct front in single bursts. Some landing in friendly positions.	2/15	C/C B
0958	CP Co A 2578 BOLVIN 0950	1/15	C/C B
1050	Friendly arty fire falling very close to our gun position.	COL TD	C/C B
1055	Notify CC A that friendly arty is firing on our positions. Give CC A our location.		
1110	Situation on 1st obscure but enemy arty has fired on SMITLA since 0835. At this time only known crossing over OUND KL MELOULA is at 204000. Requested that Div Engrs prepared other crossings. Suggested points are 250700 - 250700 - 250700. Work at approved pts should be completed at earliest pract moment and area S of SMITLA covering OUND SMITLA should be insured to this extent.	C/C B	1 AD
1135	Let's CP, Castor grove at 475.1 rd - vhl msg Div Hq re: written order to send liaison is to be disregarded.		
1140	Oral msg recd from 1 AD 1/1 "Disregard withdrawal" orders.		
1154	Disregard last paragraph instructions follow proceed on first two paragraphs when you get my order.	1 AD	C/C B
1150	Arrived new location at 475.1 rd. Distance traveled 1.9 mi.		
1156	Adopt delaying tactics toward Gardiner's right flank.	Russell	COL TD
1202	Take entire Bn. Ask. Urgent.	C/C B	2/8 Inf
1200	CP now located at T-2472.	C/C B	All units and 1 AD

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<u>TY FSD 48</u> <u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>SRMITLA</u> <u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DEST</u>
1155	Relaying action for your withdrawal coordinated Indmap 115 signed MILKUN.	A/15 Engr	C/C B
1214	Enemy tanks moving to attack our left flank. Heavy inf moving to attack right front. Request reinforcements.	COL TD	C/C B
1235	Start displacement of btry from F 1260 to position. 1st AF T-2675. When two btrys are in latter position, displace one to F 1272.	Vol orders to CO IV from LtCol Russell.	
1300	We are undergoing a pretty good air attack right now.	I AD	C/C B
1355	None now available to strike. Keep us informed cover now on way.	Hq Fenne	C/C B
1100	Have moved Co by order of Hvy Train Comd and am now in woods 5 mi S S of THALA.	Serv Co	C/C B
1227	Your msg of 1208 being copied with.	6 Inf	C/C B
1208	Crossings of OUND MSLANIA at T 2671 and T 2672 are possible. One is possible to T 2672.	C/C B	2 Bn 15 AR COL TD 2 Bn 6 Inf
1250	We are in contact with the enemy ^{and} are firing on him.	CO 15	C/C B
	Arty fire and tank 3 Bn 15 AR moving to position ^{and} ^{possible} request move to south of route (and at edge).	6 Inf	C/C B
1244	Rpts at least 2 enemy tanks knocked out about 4 mi SE SRMITLA.	2/15	C/C B
1350	Pete says we have no tanks shelling SRMITLA	C/C A	I AD
1358	Msg from C/C B indicates our tanks are shelling SRMITLA while we still have some troops F thereof. C/C A said (see above msg) I will do something about that.	I AD	
1430	Situation on our right flank is extremely critical. If forced to withdraw, we will leave the inf in a highly obtainable position. We have plenty of arty targets, but the fwd observer with us does not have a btry for these targets. How are you fixed, irrespective of other elements? We are doing very well and as far as I know have suffered very little. Situation on our right flank may force us to withdraw to keep from being surrounded.	2/15	C/C B
1420	Keep us informed and you will get the proper	Col Russell	2/15th
		2/15	Col Russell
1420	Keep us informed and you will get the proper	Col Russell	2/15 End.

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2/6 Inf

Before you make any action verify this on your situation maps and call me back (ver 1420)

TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPOSITION
1425	CP moved one and one-half mi SW of where we were	1 AD	C/C B All stations
1445	2 Bn 6 Inf now moving to "M" via RJ 2665 -R2066	Belze	1 AD
1510	Cpl Ringsak is now passing Capt Yeiter's CP. Capt Yeiter has picked up arty observer from 27th	Oral Capt Yeiter to Maj Philipborn	
1455	Move to S 9474 and secure that location and rpt to CO 2/6.	C/C B	A/16 Engr
1542	Vbl O to Capt Beach, 27 FA: Displace most fwd Btry to rear.	C/C B	27 FA
1605	Left CP area at 475.1 mi.		
1504	Has TPS CC A cleared your position as yet?		
	Yes they have cleared. Their four elements are 2 mi from here (intercept).	1 AD	2 Inf
1547	601 TD given vbl orders to attack 6 remaining 75's to most fwd arty btry.	VBL	
1531	CP now at T 2071s 42 4765; distance 825 mi W & S.	C/C B	All units 5 1 AD
1418	You are authorized to leave point A in pbr at 1845 hrs.	1 AD	6 Inf
1641	Halt and rept locations	C/C B	2 Bn 6th
1710	Orders changed. Def-nd Kasserine from SW in vic of S 9604. Elements of 601 TD in that vic now come under your command.	C/C B	2/6th
1637	Div CP moving.	1 AD	C/C B
1701	Tell Gardiner that Gleeson says he has cleared town.	6 Inf	C/C B, 2/15 via Radio.
1726	Rpt to CP w/o delay.	C/C B	601 TD
1710	Located 3 mi N of KASSERINE.	2/6 Inf	C/C B
1740	Btry A 27 FA still supports you via I2270. Arty will continue to leap frog until dark. Disengage as soon as possible but do not uncover arty if you disengage before dark. Send billeting party to RJ 2-0065 at T 2071.	C/C B	2/15

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1750	Affirm on way.	27 FA	C/C B
	Btry C 27 FA cleared our CP area at about 1745 hrs. preceded by B 27 FA Bn.		
1807	Vol orders to 601 TD: You will pick up your Pit now with A Btry 27 FA, proceed to KASSERINE and thru Maj Long have attached to you 1 co of the 2/3 Inf. With this force you will prevent the enemy from moving on KASSERINE along the road T 0363 - T 2808, and 2 Bn of the 6th is defending S of KASSERINE. Ron Co 12 AR is remaining on the rd you are to block S rd E of KASSERINE. You will be withdrawn when C/C C passes.	VBL to 601 fr	C/C B
1850	RR Bridge at KASSERINE Blown.		
ENROUTE TO KASSERINE AREA FROM SOBITLA AREA)			
1850	Left last CP at rd 174.9 for KASSERINE AREA.		
1847	Vol O to 27 FAs - You are to move to the KASSERINE position.	C/C B	Colbrookloff
1850	Rear elements at Point X should clear in 1/2 hr.	C/C B	C/C C
2226	CP now at 928049. Sent Ia Off with situation.	II Corps	C/C B
2252	How many of King's outfit have you available.	1 AD	C/C B
	Answer to above: None.	C/C B	1 AD
2330	Rpt your location and situation	C/C B	27, 2/13
2335	Ron Co at 0267	C/C B	2/13 AR
2340	CP located at 9287	C/C B	All units except 2/13
	CP located at 70063	A/10 Eng	C/C B
2342	Blocking and holding forces will be withdrawn by you when I give the order C/C C has cleared.	1 AD	C/C B
	Have your Ia Off rpt to us 2330	2/3 Inf	C/C B
2285	Overlay on way. No enemy activity.	27 FA Bn	C/C B
1400	Barring further orders you need take no action re: defense at point "M".	1 AD	C/C B
1625	Communicate to CO 6 Inf time you will clear point X-Ray.	1 AD	C/C B
1900	Our location X - 1900	6 Inf	C/C B
1900	Rpt your location	C/C B	A/10 Eng
18 FEB 45	ENROUTE TO KASSERINE AREA		
0015	Why was not a Co of your Bn atchd to TD Bn less det. Ans w/o delay.	C/C B	2/6th

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2400	Main Co 15 AR in biv 10 mi from your CP on THALA rd.	M/15 AR	C/C B
0025	Co A 15 Regt in will attach one Co to 601 TD Bn on receipt of this msg. Co A was stood to you per oral radio msg 17 FEB 48 (Det of this plt is in addition to 1 Det per FO #6). Did you receive orders to attack one Co to 601 TD Bn.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
0145	Your mission given in British sheet cancelled. L O on way to you now.	1 AD	C/C B
0200	6 Inf will clear N 1/3 way between Pt KAMEL Z, 0130. Your tps will move into this area as soon as 6 Inf clears. You will actually move when you are sure they are clear.	1 AD	C/C B
0150	1st Off bringing reply to your msg of 2010 hrs.	2 Bn 6 Inf	C/O B
0400	Billeting details will assemble at point where rd leads in Corps Hq (vic S-4633). Mpt to Lt. Current C-S Section.	Lt Smith L O 1 AD	C/C B
0447	Told your liaison officer that had to go a little further than he actually does. He can turn 5 or 7 mi short of that on the right hand route.	1 AD	C/C B
0430	Prepare to move at once. Officer report to Hq w/o delay.	C/C B	Serv Co
0430	Maj Grondons or C O report to Hq at once.	C/C B	Main Co 15 AR
0500	Passed IP 0430	ET FA	C/C B
2300 17 FEB	Counter sign and parole for one mine dash 20 FEB. Anne and Mary. For two sars and 21 FEB. May and November. 2300.	1 AD	C/C B
0525	Same msg as above to all units.	C/C B	All Units
0555	Have you cleared yet. Maj Grondons evacuated airplanes from THELEPTE Field.	C/C B	2 Bn 15 AR
0645	M/ 5079 - left overnight biv.	Oral	
1800	601 TD Bn now in biv at S-4634. We have Cos A, B, Ren and the 1st C here. Report your location.	601 TD	C/C B
1525	CP located at S-4767	1 AD	C/C B
1620	Submit operations re ort for 17 FEB.	C/C B	All Units
1650	Col Gardiner has returned.	C/C B	ET FA Bn 1 AD

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<u>18 FEB 43</u>	<u>TERESSA AREA</u>		
1727	Contact C O Serv Co when you arrive at this location for your telephone area.	C/C B	Maint Co 15 AR
1730	Notify C O Maint Co 15 AR when he contacts you where his biv area etc. Location in area 4 mi N THALA. Ordered to halt to let GHO-F-clar THALA. Ready to continue. Advise.	C/C B	C O Serv Co 15 AR
1806	C/C B closed 1800 hrs.	C/C B	1 AD
1800	CP located at S-4860.	2/S Inf	C/C B
1820	Periodic report 2 Bn 6 Inf	2/S Inf	C/C B
2110	CP located at S-4767.	C/C B	1 AD
1935	Rpt location your CP	1 AD	C/C B
1832	Periodic rpt and veh loss rpt.	2/15 AR	C/C B
2212	Periodic rpt.	ST FA	C/C B
2045	Maint Co 15 AR closed in biv at adjacent to Serv Co, 15.	Maint/15	C/C B
2250	Keeping patrols informed everything.	2/S Inf	C/C B
1800/11			
1800	CP moving via S-0872 crossroad S865 road Junction 4638.	1 AD	ALL Units
<u>19 FEB 43</u>	<u>TERESSA</u>		
0806	You will detail one Inf Plt for CP defense. Plt leader will rpt to S-3 for instructions at 0930 hrs.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
0850	What is location of your CP.	1 AD	C/C B
0925	Location of our CP is S-4606	C/C B	1 AD
1925	Submit detailed operations report for period 0001 to 2400 hrs 17 FEB. Give targets engaged by your bn, showing (1) Nature of target (2) Time engaged (3) No. of guns firing (4) No of rounds fired (5) Results observed. Also show us of guns in position to fire at any time during day (example 1500 - 1406 guns 1 very displacing 1410 - 1430 15 guns etc). Rpt to be at this Hq prior to 1500 19 FEB. Also incl no of observers in position thru-out period. Show time in position and location fwd CP's.	C/C B	ST FA Bn
0928	Two tank destroyer Toms; SP guns are detached from you and attached to British Recon Unit. Capt Co's will conduct them to the British.	1 AD	C/C B

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<u>19 FEB 43</u> <u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>TENNESSEE AREA</u> <u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISPN</u>
1050	Two tank destroyer 75mm SP guns are detached from you immediately and are attached to British Recon unit. Vehicles report to Capt Combs at HQ 4562 immediately. This RJ is the one where you turn into Hq C/C B from main road.	C/C B	COL TD
1208	Capt Wolven Report to CP Hq C/C B immediately.	C/C B	Co A 16th
1120	CO 1st AR will transfer direct to you the M4 tanks he now has on hand. M-3 tanks are being transferred to 3 Bn 15th and M-4 tanks to 2nd Bn 15th. Complete transfer as quickly as possible.	1st AD	CO 15th
1435	This Bn now occupying good solid ground. Coordinates of area S-4564. 2 Guns Co "A" now with British at RL W El Abiad -coordinates S-4362.	COL TD	C/C B
1551	Unit Commanders Report to this Hq at once.	C/C B	All units except 2 Bn 15th
1650	Mine laying missions assigned Co A 16 Engrs by the Division Engineer will have priority over missions assigned by you until completion of mine laying missions.	1 AD	C/C B
1720	Immediate reconnaissance will be made for solid ground with good standing to which unit can go in case of rain. Units now occupying good solid ground disregard. Units will report to this Hq location of selected areas.	C/C B	All units
1436	Gen Robinett will be at your Bn at 1600 hrs to present DMC to Lt Curry, Capt Oleson and Pvt Oger, C.E. He also will present citation to your Bn.	C/C B	2 Bn 15
1650	The 4 Bofors that Col Marais told you that you would receive were attached by Corp to the 3 Bn 26 Ct. Col Marais is trying to get us 16 guns from the 48.	1 AD	C/C B
2130	Mine field across pass at S-4763, mine fields being put in at S-4863 dash S-5261 dash 5269 dash 5365 dash 5567. All Recon parties will check thru this Hq.	C/C B	All units
<u>20 FEB 43</u> <u>0140</u>	Map template reference Holes 7-8-1-3-4-5-2-6. Angle 1-1. Effective 0600 hrs.	1 AD	All units
	MNO MR ONE Refused weather forecast very unfavorable Will perform mission if weather permits.	BankBook	Big Fence
	MN 78 from Bank Book from Tite Signed Williams. We are not equipped for night operations.	BankBook	Big Fence
	Unit commanders report to this Hq at 0615	C/C B	All units

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Gen Robinett fight going on south. Also Stark has been attacked during the night by a small number of tanks equipped 3 Bn Infantry and supported by arty. Attack continued during night. Resulted some infiltrated at flanks. One squad of 26th Arm Brig Arty anti-tank, 1 Bn G Inf, have ordered to support Stark. 16 CT is moving into assembly area vicinity Bou Chebka during the night. 894th TD Bn ordered to reconnoiter east of G Passa. In the event of a penetration of the Kasserine Pass you will be prepared to move a portion of your Division to counter-attack in the direction of Bekkouh-Dj Hmara Haila on their massing. The situation at this time is not serious. This is furnished only for your information and planning.

1066	Prepare to move immediately and report when ready. Send officer to C/ for instructions.	C/C B	All units
1110	Recall all Ron parties at once.	C/C B	All units
1186	Withdraw company in pass to your area ready to move.	C/C B	2 Bn 15th
1182	2 Td, Guns now attached to Darby Company will remain with that unit.	C/C B	COOL TD
1268	Left Biv at 575.8 for Thala area.		
1630	Reached new bivouac area at 629 mi -- area of 79.3		
1636	CP now at N-6804	C/C B	1st AD
1634	Ron Co. has started on new mission and will report arrival at 79 and send one platoon to see that road from 7090 to 6661 and adjacent terrain is clear of enemy not yet through Kasserine pass but enemy infantry near north west mouth with friendly arty still on hills above them. Van now at 7681.	C/C B (82)	C/ CCR
1630	Reference point #26 at S-1582 on reference point overlay will be changed to reference point #32 immediately.	1 AD	C/C B
	C/C B will move immediately to vicinity S-9583. R will take command Stack force consisting of 26th CT (less 2 and 3 Bn) 19th Smgr (less 1 Co) 3rd Bn 32 Inf; 33rd FA Bn 3 Bn 6th AsInf; 1 Co 13th AR, 806 TD Bn only 1 effective. 8 D Btry 105 CA (AA) 16th C. Mortar Co (Brit) 1 Sqd 68th Pan Regt 894th is at S-2890 available if an enemy break through occurs. 16th A Brig (less 1 Regt) in support Stack Force. CP Stack 44561 Robinett report to II Corps.		
1380	2 Bn Inf unknown number of tanks attacked Kasserine Pass. Infantry was stopped at S-9076 at 1500 A. British and American tanks counter-attacked at 1300A. Noisy tanks located in same area. Result unknown. Source; Phantom.	1 AD OR	All units

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Report condition of roads and terrain on route of march and in assembly areas.

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The following message from the Army comdr is published for the information and guidance of all units in the Corps. Quote The Army Comdr directs that there will be no withdrawal from the positions now held by the 1st Army. No man will leave his post unless it is to counterattack. Unquote.

II Corps

C/C B

2045

Same message to all units.

2040

Have not arrived at Hairra. Roads slippery but hard.

2/15th

C/C B

1808

Advance to S as fast as you can, take command of US units N of Qued which divides the Messerine Valley and pass. Units under your command are: 694 TD Bn, US FA, 19 Engrs, 8n 80 CI Drive S, restore pass on W side of Qued. This will be a combined operation w/British who are on the E side of Qued. Brig Dumphie Comdg. Qued is dividing line. Get radio communication with Dumphie. 1st In 18 CI is ready to move in 10 hrs and is at present in contact with them. Is now enroute to Hairra. Dumphie is in complete command entire combined force due to better communications. Wire for Robinett is at S-7276. Call Speedy 2 at 2000 hrs to obtain frequency of Dumphie.

Fredendall

C/C B

2255

CO contact CO 39 Inf and report his position

CO Art C/C B

2035

Meet Brig Dumphie post office Thala 2400 hrs Bring radio to leave with him. Ask.

II Corps

C/C B

Confirming verbal instructions, you will move your command from Hairra via S-7188 to positions west of Qued El Kattob to attack and restore positions in the Messerine Pass. (To Gen Robinett C/C B from CO II Corps signed Fredendall) for this purpose all elements of Starks command west of Qued El Kattob pass to your command effective at once. One Bn 18 Inf is atchd effective upon its arrival at IJ S-7188. For the purpose of coordination in the attack at day light 21 Feb, you are placed under command of Brig Dumphie CG The Army Brigs. Corps Signal Officer will furnish telephone communication direct to Corps Hq. US FA Bn and one company medium tanks being dispatched tonight via Hairra where guides should be placed to meet them.

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0010	Move your Bn to positions in vicinity 3-8177 SE072 as outpost for 33 PA Bn whose positions will be in vicinity 37675 and 7 PA Bn in vicinity 7971. 2nd Bn 16 Inf will have elements on your right. Establish contact with them. Hon Co 15 AR working to your front. Push patrols to East to establish contact with enemy and prepare for attack at dawn. Further orders will follow.	C/C B	2/6th
0005	Liaison officer 2 Bn 10th CT reported and received orders. Liaison officer Bn 16th Inf left for your Hq at 1800. Bn 16th Inf left at 2000 will bivouac at 7185.	II Corps	C/C B
0010	33 PA Bn ordered to move to vicinity of 37675	C/C B	33 PA Bn
0045	In addition to instructions already issued, you will take charge of straggler line being established from 3-7088 to 3-7267 and 24 BN Corps MP will be attached to you for this purpose. Stragglers will be grouped by unit in the area west of Dj Hamra. If necessary arrange to feed stragglers and call on 34 for rations. Report to this HQ any units of useful effective strength saving their use for combat.	C/C B	301 TD
0005	1. Initial straggler collection point at pass 4.8 mi north of cross roads. 2. Now collecting about 300 mostly 39th Inf. assisted by their MP also COL Crummer (C300) 3. Feeding them from 2nd Bn 13th chow trucks, have Smart supplement rations - especially water.	RajCook	C/C B
0100	Road 3 of Haidra is becoming impassible. Send Ken to look over road, report additional help you will require if any to put this road in shape. Do what you can on it at once.	C/C B	D/18
0020	Request a kitchen truck be sent forward to feed stragglers. Guide will meet truck before arriving at cross roads. Have already request Lt Hargis to send up rations. Stragglers will be reorganised and put in battle. Do not have a map so cannot give coord. Route of march for truck same as 2 Bn 13th AR.	WO Liaison	C/C B
0100	2 Bn 16th Inf in trucks at cross roads near as waiting for instructions from you. Officer from 443 AA also here awaiting instructions from you. 35rd PA thinks they are under your control but have not received definite instructions.	2 Bn 6th	C/C B

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0330	894 TD Bn and some I Co 15 AR tanks in contact to your front at 6478, report your location.	C/C B	2 Bn 6th
0400	Gen Robinett comdg C/C B has been placed in comd of all US troops in this sector. Send Liaison Officer to this CP at N 6604 for instructions. Report in to command net C/C B on 4800. In enemy contact at 56478 at 0225A with inf and arty. Our own reports attack stopped and well in hand.	C/C B	894 TD Bn
0415	Approach position by route Jebessa-Bekharin RJ 5688 - RJ 7183. Guide will meet you there. BC push forward to that point for recon. Bring tanks with you.	27 FA	69 FA
0600	Please send at once one Co. Engrs with bulldozer to Haidra work on Haidra - RJ Naura Road. Send 2000 mines 400 yds wire 200 pickets to RJ 3-7088. Early air support Nasserine Pass of utmost urgency.	Col Arnold	II Corps
0640	I Co 15th and B Co 894 TD now attached to you. Notification of this must go through you.	C/C B	2 Bn 15th
0506	Company 894th tank destroyer to our front request information when they will be relieved.	C/C B	2 Bn 15th
0610	We are displacing one half mile forward of present position prepared to meet attack now moving in our direction.	C/C B	2 Bn 15th
0712	Gen Allen recommends inf at 7576 be moved to pass at 7376. Pass at 7576 impassable for vehicles or for an approach maneuver. Unit now there is unsupported and completely cut off from your force. Crawford at 7576 has no contact with the enemy but is trying to gain contact. Crawford vehicles now with Fochet. Impossible to get them to present position.		
	Verbal orders issued to Liaison Officer 2nd Bn 15th AR that Bn would move after dark tonight from present position to position further west near the 27th FA. Information that 2nd Bn 6th Inf would outpost this position. 2nd Bn 15th AR further ordered to send I Co 15th AR to join G Co 15th AR in bivouac at 3-6686 after dark tonight.		
1440	You will outpost the position of the 2nd Bn 15 AR the night of 21/22 Feb. Further, you will send out active patrols to the east and SE to a distance of at least 3 miles.	C/C B	2/6th

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1843	21 FEB 43 In regard for present by msg 1800 hrs. Survey will come to post officer her 1711 hrs Ask.	HAIIRA HQ Btry	C/C B
1840	Wink Olson urgently requests artillery for this area. If in agree send liaison officer from it to post office Thala immediately to contact it to reply W urgent.	6th Brig	C/C B
1846	3rd Bn 89th Inf now under my command. Elements of 2 Bn 89th Inf are assembling in my area. Suggest that reorganisation of these bns be completed tonight.	88 Brig	C/C B
1800	Nickelson urgently requests Bn FAs Under circumstances I agree subject to your approval.	C/C B	II Corps
1830	Understand 2/89 CT who were under command Stark now assembled in your area at 7387. Now under command you except for their A/T Coy, who are now operating under command 2 Leesters in area south of Thala.	Brig Nickelson	C/C B
1843	You have just fired on friendly planes. Standing orders are plans taken under fire on a command to fire only enemy planes observed.	C/C B	All units
1848	Heavy attack developing our direct front. Request all possible artillery support.	2Bn 15	C/C B
1830	Information recvd this HQ indicates enemy infiltration SE of you. Take necessary action to protect 7 FA Bn and report dispositions.	C/C B	2 Bn 16 CF
1836	Btry B 106th CA Bn will be attached to you this PM. Should arrive 2710 about 2300.	C/C B	7th FA
1855	Concentration of tanks to our left front in group of AFAB tanks. Request arty fire.	Comdt COL	COL 15
1830	Can you submit each day suggested bomb line for following day to this HQ by 1800 hrs.	26th Brig	C/C B
1807	Friendly planes now on way over this area. Use caution.	C/C B	All units
1740	Unless outposted by dark will have to withdraw to last night position.	2 Bn 15	C/C B
1815	Start executing mission for tonight. Pay particular attention to Arroyo because of situation. Guide cannot be sent.	C/C B	2 Bn 6th
1835	Your request is on way but you have already been ordered to change position for night.	C/C B	2 Bn 15th

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2030	Sector already short of infantry has been extended to include pass East of Dj el Afred at 37794. Tanks cannot be held indefinitely in front lines as of present. Two additional bus infantry requested for the job assigned.	C/C B	II Corps
2030	Request that harassing fires be placed intermittently on the Magarine Pass area during the night.	C/C B	II Corps
1935	One of your platoons will operate under Ben 15th AR tonight. Have platoon leader meet Lt McCravy at CP 2 Bn 15 AR as soon as possible. Ask this msg and report when tanks are outposted.	C/C B	2 Bn 6th
2035	You will take over defense of pass at 37794. I have asked for reinforcement. Bn FA will move to support position tomorrow. Pass will be occupied tonight.	C/C B	2 Bn 39th
2006	Have not located enemy as yet.	89th Inf	C/C B
0712	Gain contact Crawford's vehicles now with Pechet impossible to get them to present positions.	II Corps	C/C B
1550	Par 3 b FO #6, HQ C/C B is reminded and following substituted therefore: 7 FA will support 2/16 Inf for positions in vicinity of S 7875.	C/C B	7th FA Bn
	Gen Allen recommends Inf at S 7874 be moved to Pass at 7876. Pass at 7876 impassable for vehicles or for any approach maneuver. Unit now there is unsupported and completely cut off from your force. Crawford at 7876 has no contact with the enemy but is trying to.		C/C B
2065	Have two reports enemy infantry have got thru North pass. Have got contact with them at the pass.	89 Inf	C/C B
1545	Par 3c, FO #6, HQ C/C B, is reminded and the following substituted therefore: The 2/16 Inf will secure the pass at S 7275, furnish security for 33 FA Bn and 7 FA Bn and patrol actively along the southern edge of the valley of the Oued el Hated as far E as S 8170. 7 FA Bn will support 2/16 Inf.	C/C B	2 Bn 16
2115	Can you drive them out.	C/C B	3 Bn 89 Inf
2115	Request air support over this area at first light and continuing as much as possible throughout day. All troops will be warned if answer is affirmative.	C/C B	II Corps
2115	Alert to move all not on patrol or outpost. report to CP.	CO C/C B	2 Bn 6th

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2115	Let's see way with requested information missing vehicle and crew returned safely.	2/15	C/C B
1925	Request tank destroyers to cover our position tonight.	2/6th	C/C B
	Due to present situation would prefer not to submit bombing tonight.	C/C B	26th A B
2155	In what strength do you estimate the enemy.	C/C B	2/59 Inf.
2237	Phone msg from Fredendall to Robinett; Radio intercepts enemy withdrawing out of pass with his tanks. Maintain contact and push ahead, but be careful of AT guns. Get Ben out to keep them in contact tonight.		
	Did you make positive contact as reported. Answer urgent.	C/C B	3 Bn 39
	Have sent patrols to pass. No further info.	2/39th	C/C B
	We have nothing at the place in question.	C/C B	601 TD Bn
22 FEB 45 0050	Send 2 patrols of one squad each to push toward Masserins until daylight. One squad will move from bivouac to valley road and thence to southeast; the other move due East to road thence toward Masserins.	C/C B	2 Bn 6th
0004	Have you made positive contact as reported. Answer urgent.	C/C B	3 Bn 39th
	Have sent out patrols in that direction. Have not reported in as yet. Will notify you as soon as patrols report.	I Co 39th	C/C B
0502	No additional information available assignment your forces. Only arty now assigned your forces available for harassing lines on Masserins Pass. Weather forecast for 22 Feb indicates limited air activity weather permitting. You will be furnished air support.	II Corps	C/C B
0155	Situation here obscure. Present enemy are up to our forward positions. Cannot give you further details at present. Will do so shortly.	26Brig	C/C B
0655	Being attacked by mounted and dismtd inf at 7574	2/6	C/C B
0715	Enemy inf on high ground at 7577. Armored vehs approaching our positions from plains.	2/6	C/C B
0730	Have contacted enemy infantry and machine guns in area between last night's bivouac and yesterday's area.	2/15	C/C B
0820	Reports will be made to this HQ by anti-aircraft units which participated in firing at planes at approximately 1506 hrs, 21 Feb.	C/C B	27, 25, 05 FA

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All units

Seven our planes damaged - five beyond repair by friendly AA fire Feb 21. Two missions turned back due to intense flak in this area. Reconitions our planes have dark noses, will fly in straight line over friendly troops at minimum altitude and will rock wings. Enemy planes have white or yellow noses and shackle or dive to attack. Inform troops.

0635 Weather forecasts trace of rain 22 and 23 Feb 1st AD C/C B on 23 until 1000.

0654 Reference to Arabs in espionage activities. Arabs II Corps moving into our lines will be rounded up and turned over to French with statement of circumstances of their entry for examination, detention, or recommended execution. Arabs moving out bound thru our lines will be shot unless they halt promptly in accordance with procedure of inbound Arabs. C/C B

0810 Enemy infiltrated 2 Bn 16 Inf now reported attacking arty. I have no communication with this unit. Believe it can be reached thru Allen. I am acting against enemy flank and rear. C/C B II Corps

0830 Situation normal. All quiet now. Trouble appears only once at the night work thru enemy work. French were all knocked out. Score today was 10 - 15. We have about 40 available for tomorrow. Arty situation good. 3 Bns arrived tonight. Radio situation chronic Urgent. Need a new frequency your signals will understand. Will send any fresh details. 26 Brig C/C B

0715 Enemy infantry on high ground 7577. Armored vehs approaching our positions from plains 2/6th C/C B

0645 Same message as above to 2/15 and 27 FA C/C B 2/15, 27 FA

0640 Alert patrol elements to move. You report to CP for instructions. C/C B 894 TD

0655 Being attacked by mixed and disarmed infantry at 7574 2/6 C/C B

0650 Enemy infantry dismounted and in armored vehs attacking west and southeast from S 7776 our infantry and artillery positions extending from S 7675 to S 7177. Enemy infantry apparently infiltrating toward pass at S 7674. C/C B II Corps

0907 3 Bn enemy inf now opposing us. Unless we receive help immediately on our left flank, we will have to withdraw. 2/6 C/C B

1050 Request that Inf attack be pushed to North East from a line running from S7068 to S7484 to relieve our troops vicinity S 7475. C/C B II Corps

0925 Ward will establish CP at Haidra as soon as possible and upon arrival will assume command your force and Nicholson. You will send Liaison Officer to Haidra to contact Div CP. II Corps C/C B

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1245	Report from patrol. No enemy sighted up to 0640 Very thinly held.	3/89 Inf	C/C B
1240	Your last msg says very thinly held. Do you mean you held pass thinly. Answer urgent. Yes we do hold it thinly.	C/C B	3/89 Inf
1135	1 Bn 16 Inf is taking over passes at S-6784 and S-7086. When their occupation is complete, your force will defend passes at S-7233 and S-7794.	C/C B	3/89 Inf
1145	1st Bn 16 Inf has moved into my sector without orders attaching them to me. I have initiated orders to them to coordinate action in this sector. Are they supposed to be under my command.	C/C B	II Corps
1109	Send liaison officers to this HQ w/o delay.	C/C B	3 Bn 59 Inf
1120	Situation estimated 1 Bn 12th and at least 1 Regt Inf supported by 47mm, 60mm, 105mm and 155mm guns attacked at 0730 hrs. has made progress and occ- asionally situation not entirely clear but his final effort not yet launched. All OK so far.	C/C B	II Corps
1145	Ask your message 0645. Situation on right flank vicinity S 7275 to S 7472 obscure. An displacing 3 Bn 59 Inf to Northeast on pass 7794 as 1st Bn 16 Inf takes over passes to South our tanks and arty S 7202 facing unknown number tanks at 7482.	C/C B	II Corps
1250	Johnson in position in rear of ground we held yester- day. He is in tight spot. Best in position to cover him if he pulls out. Battle in progress on your left rear. That is it. We are drawing but little fire at present probably due to the rain soaking down the valley.	2 Bn 15	C/C B
1300	Ringsak engaged to your right rear. Have no infor- mation regarding left rear.	C/C B	2 Bn 15 AB
0645	Nicholson being opposed by 70 tanks vicinity N 8606 Bring all possible forces to bear in order to assist his elements. 16 CT have moved up on your right. Night enemy trucks movement vicinity DREWEL KIRKRELL Ask and report your situation.	II Corps	C/C B
	Information received indicate Germans in THALA. Take steps to block German advance West of HIXX RUTHAIDRA.	II Corps	C/C B
1415	(1) Your forces will be relieved from all passes now held, except one at 57794 by 1 Bn 16 Inf. (2) Upon completion of occupation by 1 Bn 16 Inf you will move your entire Bn to defend pass at 57794 (3) In t his defense take necessary steps to cover your position from direction SW of Thala. (4) Patrol actively to SE., E and S.W. Establish CP on NJ Bivouac as far east as possible. (5) Attached Engrs will be detached when you move (6) Call on this HQ for necessary Engr assistance and for A/T strength.	C/C B	3/89th

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2145	Allen has been attacking as requested in your 1050 He will renew attack at 2400L.	II Corps	C/CS
2150	Reliable observer reports 10 enemy Mark VI tanks plus additional tanks and infantry at S 755615 man- ning for attack. Request heavy air bombardment im- mediately.	C/C B	II Corps
2150	(1) 1 Bn 16 Inf now taking over defense of passes at S 6984, S 7088, S 7335, when occupation is complete you are relieved from attached to 3 Bn 59 Inf and will turn over minefield guard to 1 Bn 16 Inf. (2) You will then commence work on road BERNARIA - S-6804. However you will complete work on minefield at S 7335. (3) "D" Co 16 Engrs now has two squads on above road which will work there until you arrive.	C/C B	D/16 Engr
2140	Cover 89 FA Bn which is just east of pass at 7088 with AF less one heavy platoon. Acknowledge and advise when Bn is covered.	C/C B	894 TD Bn
2118	All indications now point that enemy withdrawing on our front. Urgently request bombing missions be carried out on defile in KASBE 100 Pass (S 8578) throughout night Feb 22/53. Request reply.	C/C B	II Corps
2149	An enemy tank over 100 prisoners to same point as this morning.	2/13	C/C B
2130	Do not fire NW of the line from 7168 to 6985 nor SW of the line 7365 to 8070 nor west of the line through vertical 73630.	C/C B	89 FA Bn
2100	Enemy attack which started by infiltration at 0435 was stopped by 1500. Counter-attack by Inf and tanks about 1700 completely restored positions. Our arty broke up preparations for second enemy push by 1800. Arty fire very destructive and decisive today. At least 300 prisoners waiting to be evacuated. Our losses negligible. Enemy not bloody mce. Patrols are pushing to maintain contact.	C/C B	II Corps
2048	Infantry to outpost area have not arrived.	2/13	C/C B
2108	C P now at N 6006. Officer control point location at 6406.	1 AD	C/C B
2215	Are you almost finished with your priority work? Where are the sketches and overlays you promised?	C/C B	D/16 Engr
2250	Start run in force toward KASBE 100 at dawn. Have force go as far as it can.	C/C B	2/13
2255	For 1st Div. Necessary TD Bn work thru areas 7575 to S 8572 tomorrow. Inform if this will interfere.	C/C B	II Corps
2255	Not equipped for night operation. IAF bombing KASBE 100 Pass tonight.	A three	C/C B

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0086 Company TNS has not completed some of movements as yet. 39 Inf C/C B

23 FEB 43

0050 Last elements of Co I, 89 C^o entrucked to new position at 0056 hrs. Ord from Col Russell

0055 Weather cast light scattered showers through two three February. 1 AD C/C B

0056 You will deliver prisoners direct to Corps enclosure at FRENCH DRUM TRUCKS UNDER YOUR CONTROL AND WILL BEING MP'S ATTACHED FOR GUARD. YOU WILL PROVIDE EXTRA GUARD AND PERSONNEL IF DESIRED OR NECESSARY. 1 AD C/C B

0100 Liaison officer will come signed DUNWOOD 2/28 Inf C/C B

0095 Have our liaison officer send situation overlay here. 601 TD C/C B

0745 Is your SO 7 troops 1st Bn 18 Inf in our sector or in 12th or not in our sector. C/C B 1 AD

0726 We are occupying positions of day before yesterday. We are sending back some wounded prisoners picked up this morn'g. 2 Bn 15 C/C B

0746 Request to make Ben in lat. of 07 area is OK. 1 AD C/C B

5 lightning have been shot up by our troops this is impossible because this aircraft is so unlike enemy type. Insure that instructions are sent to all units.

0817 At present we have air supremacy. No planes will be fired on unless they attack. All commands accountable. Eleven our planes damaged seriously by friendly fire in last two days. Report -- No firing on planes unless attacked. C/C B All Units

0035 Outpost Co. with 2/15 A¹ will accompany 2/15 on Adv. 2/8 Inf (AF) will pull out of line now hold and assemble in area 0-7100, prepared for fwd movement on orders this M. Meanwhile, get machine rears. Notify 2/8 Inf and 3/16 Inf of your movements. 1st Ltters, C C 4/3 will remain under your command. Does he need gas, oil or amm? Do you? Give Gardiner assistance if necessary in treating wounded prisoners. C/C B 2/8 Inf

0040 2/8 Inf is being pulled out of line to follow up tank advance. You will have to cover gap left by them in conjunction with 3/16 Inf. Also push strong patrols to your right along S edge of valley. C/C B 2/16 Inf

0020 No contact with enemy. Ben in force will proceed according to plan when visibility permits. 2/18 AR C/C B

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1130	Light platoon of Calceo outfit is detached and will report to Nathans Bn, Aek.	C/C B	2/15 AR
0945	2/6 is being pulled out of line preparatory to following adv of Tonks. Gap created must be filled by 2/16 and/or 3/16 Inf. They have been notified. Col Benson reports 2/16 did good job yesterday. Please notify 1st Div of possible adv. of elements C/C B down Valley.	C/C B	18 CR
1156	Equipment captured by 2/15 on PSD E2: 8-47mm guns; 2-77mm guns; 3-staff cars; 4-armored vehicles; 10-motorcycles; 5-side cars; 2-train; 1000; 3-trucks; 2-80mm AA guns.	2/AS	C/C B
	You will organize defensive positions in passes at S 7604 and 7494. The 804 TD Bn has out guards at S 7704, S 7694 and N 7601 with patrols as far north as N 7608. 1 Bn 16 Inf holds 3 passes to your south.	C/C B	2/15 Inf
	At 1130, C O 804th TD Bn was ordered to put out guards, composed of light TD platoons at points S 7704, S 7698 and N 7601 with patrols between and north to N 7608. The rest of the 1st Div assemble in the area S// 8000 and await orders, except for available rear elements, which would be pushed into area S 7676.		
1255	S Bn 39 Inf has the responsibility for defense of the passes at S 7694 and S 7494. You will move that part of your force now in pass at S 7494 to any of the other passes you now hold. Your north boundary will be a NW - SE line, running from S-7198 to S-8000. New dispositions will be submitted when movement is complete.	C/C B	2/16 Inf
1530	Urgently request that replacements for all units C/C B but particularly 2/6th be sent up tonight.	C/C B	1 AD
1540	Is road from point 2 to point 23 safe for all unarmored traffic.	1st AD	C/C B
1540	Road is safe except from air point 2 to 23.		
1615	Advance tank elements now at S 7840. No contacts.	C/C B	1 AD
1630	Request heavy bombing mission be performed on derile MASSIE IN PASS tonight as indications are enemy setting up defense line that area.	C/C B	11 Corps
1650	Move to vicinity 1200, starting old outfit goes to about 8 RL.	C/C B	2/15
1645	Send guides to S/8867 for equipment.	C/C B	2/16 Eng

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1885 Move Bn to area 71880 all Avts return 0/13 in attached you are in C/C B reserve. C/C B 601 TD

1886 Urgently request exact positions of your forward line. Advise as soon as possible. C/C B 28 Armd Bde

1890 Elements of 601 TD now with you are detached and will proceed to cross road at S 71880 w/out delay to report to own Bn. C/C B 2 Bn 13 AR

1895 12 ASC 23 Feb D 9. Two bombing missions today. Good results - at least 10 trucks seen destroyed. 13 100s engaged 1 damaged. No loss to us. No results of last night. Big Force C/C B

2000 2 in 6 Infantry to outpost 2 in 13 24 night of 23/24 FEB 1953. C/C B

1700 230645 B. 071. Send in a written Co. A. radio or telephone report your activities. II Corps C/C B

2105 Establish CP and listening post at S 822750 as soon as possible report compliance. C/C B 2/6 Inf

2110 Have you closed in assigned area yet. C/C B

2130 Our com has contacted no enemy to point S-8070. 2 Bn 13 AR moved forward to vicinity of S 7700. 2nd Bn 6 Inf outposting tanks tonight. 2 boxes of 100s moved forward to give close support to tanks. Quantities of enemy material captured as result of yesterday's operations. C/C B II Corps

2145 Request that tanks of Co "I" 13 AR now under your command be returned to this command tonight via BALDA to RJ S 7103. 28 AD C/C B

2200 Fleet attached to your command and all your orders will come from Gen Harmon. Col Benson Gen Robinson

2215 You will move your Bn from its present position at daylight tomorrow toward KASABINGE. The 27th and 60th PA Bns will leap frog behind you. The 601 TD is pushing strong com to S north of the ridge. The 694 TD will push strong com East along the foot of the hills to your right. One Co of 2/6 goes w/you. C/C B 2 Bn 13 AR

2230 Com initiated as ordered. Bn CP at S-7038. Com and B Co's across road. 601 TD Bn C/C B

2232 W/ this forecast for 24 FEB: Light rains early morning and latter afternoon. 1 AD C/C B

24 FEB 45

You will send a com plt at first light today to move along south side of valley toward KASABINGE Pass protecting the right flank of the tanks as they move toward pass using the main road as an axis. Your com plt will report into the com net of C/C B on 2300 H using call signs of C O 82448 Feb 24 HLE, FEB 25 MON, FEB 26 TUE, FEB 27 WED. Your com axis of advance will be in easterly direction from S-7000 to 8070.

C/C B

604 TD Bn

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8215	Your mission w/ 18 RCT attached you will drive enemy from valley destroying as much of him as possible and re-capturing KASSINE Pass. Thereafter you will place 18 RCT in defense of pass at which time 16th reverts control 1st Inf Div.	IV Corps	1 AD
9008	Moving forward one mile, waiting light. You will prepare detail plans for the defence of the KASSINE Pass when it is captured. You will take into account the requirements in mining defensive works and anti-tank guns. Requirements of personnel, equipment and material will be submitted with the least practicable delay.	2 Bn 25 C/C B	18 RCT Coral Orders
9715	You will protect the north flank of C/C B by moving your Bn (w/Co C 15th attached) North of the valley keeping the bulk of the Bn abreast of 2 Bn 15th. Your run will recommence east as far as the THALA- KASSINE Pass. Submit hourly reports of your locations.	C/C B	601 TD Bn
9714	Are there any friendly troops in front of us.	2 Bn 15th	C/C B
9810	No contact as 0610 reported non working toward KHALA - KASSINE Rd. Tanks and arty pushing forward toward pass.	C/C B	II Corps
9823	You are warned that friendly elements are working south of T-123125 on our left flank.	1 AD	C/C B
1008	Valley clear to within 1 mi KASSINE Pass. Spt progress on your front.	C/C B	28 Brig
1055	Re: last msg we are at that location. We are the friendly troops at 1715. Ron has reached designated point - No enemy contact.	894 Tn	C/C B
1100	Front limit of Ron - S-8870 to S-8875 to S-8880 Till noon. Bomb east of NS coordinates - 02. Special attention to Pass and to S-9475.	C/C B	1 AD
1128	Do not go east of vertical line 02 before noon today.	C/C B	All Units
1145	We are now in position along 1st Barrier - good defense against North. Our CP will move on order beyond line.	601 TD	C/C B
1205	Line of Ron now S 928088 -- S 928043 still going no contact.	81 Ron	C/C B
1410	Request return of tank platoon I Co 15 AP to 1st Armd Div. Can you comply.	1 AD	89th Brig
1640	16 CT has priority on KASSINE road tonight.	C/C B	All Units
1615	No enemy activity reported by Ron.	894 Tn	C/C B
1614	Allen is shelling Point XXX 19 - establish liaison.	1 AD	C/C B

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<u>24 FEB 43</u>			
1425	Coordinated attack will be made at 0830 FEB 26. Left flank for your arty fire and right limit for arty fire of 6 AD will be held thru KASSERINE Pass. Fire only to left of hand only on call from 6 AD. Send arty liaison officer with radio to report CG 6 AD at TEAL at once. Plan HOWE will be executed by 6 AD and 1 AD.	Harmon	CO 1 AD
	Tanks reported this afternoon remain in cactus 924754. This coordinate is a correction to let coordinate given.	2/24th	C/C B
	Have moved to assigned area. Short concentrated arty fire coming from pass to my immediate vicinity. Own arty falling in pass. Ringak moving into position.	2/13	C/C B
<u>25 FEB 43</u>			
0050	Send Lc Co w/o delay.		601 TD Bn
0042	L Co departed for your OP at 2300.	601 TD Bn	C/C B
0129	We are in position as directed.	601 TD Bn	C/C B
0700	We are in position supporting unit directed provisional Inf Detach. Heavy opposition with machine guns and mortars on first objective. Ren proceeding. No report yet.	604 TD	C/C B
0701	We are in position. No enemy activity. Visibility poor. Troop units.	2/13	C/C B
0806	Original mission completed. Moving to assembly area.	2/6 Inf	C/C B
0810	Jumped off on time. All well. Unit at base of 1st objective.	16 Inf	C/C B
0845	Well up in neck of pass. Passed considerable U S ammunition, also U. S. bulldozer which may be salvaged. Also wrecked enemy plans -- Stubbs.	2/13	C.C B
0902	Request Bn be sent forward to investigate Pass. Request Engrs be moved to our rear. May be mine in pass.	2/13	C/C B
1010	Cardner has pinched us off. He is now ahead of us.	601 TD	C/C B
1030	Our tanks at 979353. Enemy vehs at 9671. Enemy at 9673 and 9674 Enemy gun 9672.	25 Brig	Harmon
1050	Enemy at nos HALTRA - KASSERINE Road. Co D 16 Engrs moving the MG - minus two seven three.	D/16	C/C B
1130	Sgt directs bombing on SL EL	2/10th	C/C B
1117	3rd Bn 8 Inf CP now at S 7391	2/30 Inf	C/C B
1245	Advise your reserve Bn. Seize, secure and defend heights of KASSERINE Pass between OUL HATCH and DJ ED DUBBAH.	Robinet	C O 16 CT

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<u>08 FEB 45</u>			
1235	Our position right behind left flank of Gardiners. What is limit line for our front.	601 TD	C/O B
1400	Pass clear to 8-0475. No enemy observed between there and KASSERINE mines clear to some point. DJ EL DABBAS and DJ Z EMOUEAISSIA secured by 16 RCT.	C/C B	II Corps
1550	You will move with such patrols as necessary to your former defense position on DJ 815000 to contact and relieve personnel of your Ia left on that junction.	C/C B	3/38 Inf
1510	Pass is clear. Our troops removing mines from inside Personnel observation ward.	2/13 AB	C/C B
1450	Orders changed. Move at once to outpost general line 8151 to 8155. Run to 32.6.	C/C B	894 TD Bn
1527	Our provisional Infantry det has been contacted. Commander reports he cleared pass last night and saw no enemy beyond CP now located at 1511.	894 TD	C/C B
1525	Prepare to displace 1 within 24 hrs. 1st order to support from 7-0788 to 3-9866.	C/C B	37 TD Bn
1550	To General HARRISON, request 6 AD be directed to hold NE shoulder of pass until formally taken over by 16 RCT - 1st Div.	C/C B	1 AD
1550	Make necessary preparations to take over NE shoulder of pass. British hold it and have been requested to continue until you take over.	C/C B	16 RCT
1623	6th AD will remain on objective tonight. Relief will start at daylight and be completed by noon. 1st Div responsible for work inclusive Harrison.	1 AD	C/ B
1623	6th AD will remain in position tonight. Relief will start at daylight and be completed by noon.	C/C B	16 CT
1650	Situation Report - Command closed in assembly area at 1800 hrs stop. 80% of command restings. Local security measures taken.	3/6	C/C B
1655	Because of minefields, will establish CP west side of pass. Will contact Inf there.	894 TD	C/C B
1940	If you have not already moved whole force thru do not stop. Take thru only necessary line to protect that part already thru Adv.	C/C B	894 TD
2005	For 1st Div request you have your troops start work on road west of pass. Troops of this command will start as soon as mine situation between pass and KASSERINE is inland.	C/C B	16 RCT
2145	LO from 16 CT contact British at 099006 at once. Ask. 1 AD		C/C B

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2000 The officers have just returned and have confirmed my last report on the hospital. The hospital is turned upside down. They have left no equipment whatever. In questioning civilians, they confirm report that road in Kasserine is heavily mined and booby traps all over the place. That's all I have to report on mission now.

Ron 15th C/C B

2020 Held up due to mines at 18.

01 Ron 1 AD

2150 Cover the 16 CT - 2/6th attached for purpose of outposts and protection of the T&E.

C/C B 004th

2200 Maint Co 15th AR closed in bivouac at 2200

Maint/15 C/C B

26 FEB 43

0145 Notification to units is error. In future Smart will be notified as to what units we have supplies for.

1 AD C/C B

0205 Duty commanders report to this HQ at 100 hrs today. C/C B All units

1225 6 AD will remain on offensive tonight and will be responsible for the defense of their sector (radi exclusive). 1st AD will be responsible for their sector (radi inclusive) Beginning at daylight tomorrow the 16 CT will begin the relief to take over the defense of the pass. The relief will be completed by noon. Special attention must be given to the clearing of mines. The British will continue to work their ladders on down the road toward Kasserine and the Engre of the 1 AD should work with them in removing the mines.

0908 It is requested that 601 TD BN now attached to C/C B be returned to 1st AF Div control, the organ with which it has trained and worked and therefore more tactically suited. Further request that 604 TD BN be attached to C/C B.

C/C B 11 Corps

0915 Request the release and return of 1 gun section (2 guns) now on DG with Derbyshire Yeomanry last known location ST Tebessa.

C/C B CG 1 AD

2310 Col Baker earnestly requests release of 1 gun section (2 guns) now on DG with Derbyshire Yeomanry, last known location ST Tebessa, and would appreciate your intercession in this matter.

601 TD C/C B

1120 Place to contact our cousins in CP at 9-2232

1 AD C/C B

1130 Place to contact 6 AD at 9-2202

C/C B 16 REG

1130 Mpt location of single track clear of mines to KASSERINE as reptd in 0035 ms. Reply in code.

Div Ron C/C B

1140 Road 55 KMBA to KASSERINE clear of mines on rd only

C/C B 01 Ron

1215 What is condition of rd between 25 and 28 and can we use it two hrs from now for about one hour.

01 Ron C/C B

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<u>FEB 45</u> <u>(SEE INDEX)</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
1240	Have relieving unit send an engineer representative to where I am to contact our cousin with guarding lay out of fields. Representative should be here 1400.	26 Brig	C/C B
1245	26 Armd Brig requests you send an engineer officer to their OP by 1400 hrs to discuss guarding and layout of mine fields.	C/C B	18 RCT
1250	Condition of road between 23 and 26 in fair shape. You may use it.	C/C B	81 Ron
1430	For your info "B" of 18 Engr moving today to area of C/C A also 81 Ron less C Co.	1 AD	C/C B
1438	OP movin: 4075	1 AD	C/C B
1455	Left CP area above. Arrvd at new location at 1745.		
1515	CO rpt to CP at earliest convenience.	C/C B	D/16 Engr
1720	Can we stay here tonight.	D/16th	C/C B
1735	Attention of Gen Ward - Div units and personnel outside my control have given in clear important information concerning mine locations. This is serious breach of information security. It is recommended this practice cease immediately.	C/C B	1 AD
1850	TULLIPS - Arrange thru KASSERINE check or otherwise BROWN from mine send Arab SCOUTS. Check amount tanks. If George Two Arab and report 48 hrs will reward check and Arab. DAISY		C/C B
2240	Our OP is at 9-7899	601 TD	C/C B
27 FEB 45	<u>KASSERINE VALLEY</u>		
2130	Direct CO 601 TD Bn (to CG Panther from CG II Corps)	1 AD	C/C B
2075	rpt to Corps by 1800 hrs 27 FEB.		
0735	CO report to CG II Corps by 1800 hrs today. 15 miles SW HAIDRA on TEBESSA RD.	C/C B	601 TD
0834	Send details to positions previously occupied in KASSERINE valley to assemble all British and American gas cans along highway. Also all useable enemy cans. If other useable equipment ours or enemy is found return to highway or rpt location.	C/C B	All unit Comdrs
0920	rpt Location	C/C A	C/C B
0924	CP at 9-6884	C/C B	C/C A

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27 FEB 43 KASSERINE VALLEY (SABINE FOREST VALLEY)			
0905	Our GP is at S-7189.	601 TD	C/C B
0902	Closed in biv at 0900	D/16 Engr	C/C B
0912	Release elements 39 Inf to 9 Div BOU GHERKA.	1 AD	C/C B
1020	Your Bn is r eleased to 9 Div - BOU GHERKA. Have inquired about transportation. Send L O to this GP as soon as possible.	C/C B	3/39
1030	Request transportation for 3/39 now located at S-7396.	C/C B	1 AD
1340	Co I in biv adjacent 2/13.	2/13	C/C B
1410	601 TD is relieved from atabdi to 1 AD and assignd to 1 AD Grp effective 1800 FEB 27. Ack.	1 AD	C/C B
1520	Ack above msg.	C/C B	1 AD
1640	Above msg to 601	C/C B	601 TD
1645	Have C O 2 Bn 39 rpt to 9 Inf Div HQ. 39 has taken 9 Bn Div. Already complied with. (Oral over radio) (C O left here at 0000 for 9 Div).	1 AD	C/C B
1600	27 FA passed IP at 1915 hrs 26 FEB and closed in biv at 0100 hrs 27 FEB. GP S-6884.	27 FA	C/C B
1800	Mines marked as directed. Mines and demolition connection in pass near GP. Have been removed now all except 2 mines to be set in road at S-7088. Removed mines generally show no sign of tampering.	D/16 Engr	C/C B
1945	Request permission to move to concealed biv area 726753 (1/50,000) at 0900 hrs 28 FEB. This unit receives pay tomorrow and is dangerous to pay out here in held space. We do not object to moving twice in same day if necessary.	2 Bn 6 Inf Col Ringmak	C/C B
2000	2 Bn 39 Inf moving 0900 27 FEB 43 per 9 Div orders to S-4983.	3/39 Inf	C/C B
2230	OK on move. Close in new biv prior to daylight.	C/C B	2/6 Inf
28 FEB 43 KASSERINE VALLEY			
0825	Closed in biv 0715. GP now 726753.	2/6	C/C B
1250	Movement of 68 FA Bn	Col Russell	
1435	With resmine sketches road by you, fields marked plainly on all sides by signs. Fields show signs of having been tampered with.	C/C D	16 CT
1440	Same msg as above.	C/C B	9 Inf Div

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2145	For G-4 Report permission to submit operations ops 24 hrs later, Russell.	G/C B	1 AD
2150	Sid of II Corps visited CP antiraid operations of G/C B in African Campaign so far with Col Russell.	24 Col Russell	
1800	At 1745 hrs Col Russell vldy instructs Capt Powell to go to Niger to stand by for further instructions from Capt Laiter, 2/13, who will tell him where he wants the engr pit to join him Co and at what time.	24 Col Russell	D/16 Engr
2707	Alert 1 Plt for movement. G/C B will remain in this area for 3 days.	G/C B	D/16 Engr
2720	G/C B will remain in this area for (3) three days	G/C B	All Units except D/16, 2/13, 27, 68th.
2745	The 66 FA could start infiltrating back into the area near SURV Hwy.	G/C B	66 FA
2804	Direct G/C B to push strong and vigorous recon into SHKHA. Coordination should be made with 24 Biv which is pushing from SHKHA. Verified by telephone by 1 AD (Curtis G-3).	Corps, II	1 AD
1805	Submit your report on recent operation tomorrow stop. Submit rest of story when data becomes available.	1 AD	G/C B
2800	It is recommended that Arabs be employed to work on the road from the pass at 2-7023 to the KASCHINE Pass. Road is in extremely bad shape at present and needs immediate attention.	G/C B	II Corps thru 1 AD
2140	66 FA closed in biv at 2045 hrs.	66 FA	G/C B
1 MAR 41			
0837	Editor's mission changed 1 Plt will be ready to move out with him at once. Another will report to McCreary at KASCHINE at first light to proceed to SHKHA.	G/C B	D/16 Engr
0843	As of first light your recon pit will run the valley for lateral routes from rd along which bivouached to THALA rd and thence to pass 2-2790.	G/C B	2 Bn, 13 AR
0850	Send your recon pit at dawn to run track connecting the KASCHINE rd to the THALA - KASCHINE rd and thence to pass at 2-2790.		
0850	Until present situation is clarified request air support unit not be detached from us. Am holding pending decision.	G/C B	II Corps
2320 28 FEB	Bath and sterilization facilities are available to 13 AR minus 1 Bn and H Co and H ₂ Co 3 Bn. Commencing 1500 hrs let March location 2-2079 agree.	G/C B	13 AR

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1 MAR 43 NEAR KASSERINE

- 0617 Reconnoiter track and crossing in vic S-6331 and initiate immediate work to improve same. C/C B D/16 Engr
- 0820 Urgently request 150 replacements for 2/6 Inf C/C B 1 AD
- 0830 Send alert your command for possible move to THALA area or sector to the East. You may continue maintenance in present area after packing up. C/O B 2/13, 0 & 1/13 2/6 Inf, 27 FA 68 FA
- 0852 Re your msg of 0730 do not send any run out. Please let us know (for the sake of curiosity) at what time you read our msg of 0210. C/C B 2/6 Inf
- 0730 Due to the fact this Bn is 147 men understrength we have no personnel in the run pit except drivers and are therefore unable to comply with your msg of 0210 hrs. Will it be possible to send officer in jeep. 2/6 Inf C/C B
- 0900 By msg of 0820 C O 2/6 Inf urgently request 150 replacements. Coaks Maj Cook
- 0920 9 Inf Div is going to register on this track. Warn elements of this fact. 9 Inf Div has been warned of run elements. C/C B 2/13, 2/13 AT
- 0930 FA units of the 16 CT will register on Base point located at 973706, Map Tunisia, 1/50,000, sheet 84 between the hours of 1400 and 1900 Monday 1 MAR 43. A clearance of 500 yds radius from this point must be maintained. Request your units stay clear of above area during the hour indicated. Present location of 16 CT at 909722, Map Tunisia, 1/50,000. 16 CT C/C B
- 1120 Same msg as above. C/O B N/13, 2/13
- 1315 27 FA and 68 FA Bn de-alerted (by phone) Capt Coaks 27, 28 FA Bns
- 1317 Alert status called off. C/C B 2/13, 2/6.
- 1340 Send run and survey party 68 FA Bn Div CP at once. Orders 68 FA Bn move to vic EL HA ELABIC at 1900 hrs. Ask receipt of this msg. 1 AD C/CB
- 1415 Above msg delivered to 68 FA Bn thru 27 FA by phone Lt Beale by Lt Beale. Lt Beale
- 1414 Ask your msg of 1340 hrs. C/C B 1 AD
- 1100 Elements of 805 TD Bn now with your command are detached and will rejoin its parent unit the date have platoon comdr report to division artillery comdr for instructions at once. Div Ron Net C/C A (Intercept)
- 1314 Present air support party will remain with present situation is clarified. C/O B until IX Corp C/C B THRU Channels

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<u>1 MAR 43</u>	<u>NEAR KASSINIQUE</u>		
1908	Telephone msg recd fr 27 FA that the 68 FA has moved out.	27 FA	Capt Cooke
2200	Map template reference holes 635-217-284, Map template 1 AD tilt angle 0. Effective 0001A 2 March 43.	1 AD	All Units
<u>2 MAR 43</u>	<u>VICINITY KASSINIQUE</u>		
3015	Experiments yesterday by this command with 37mm firing M1 AP ammo against MK IV tanks proved that at all ranges up to 900 yds, this ammo will pierce the tank and go through it on any place except the band across front of tank immediately in front of the driver. At 200 yds will also go through this. This information has been sent to my regiment and put out to all men of Bn.	2/6 Inf	C/C B
1030	FA units of 16 CT will register on the base point at 373705, Map 1/50,000 between the hrs of 1400 and 1600 2 Mar 43. Requests elements of your coord be kept clear of this area.	16 CT	C/C B
1315	FA Units of 16 CT will register on base point at S-973705 between 1400 and 1600 hrs today.	C/C B	2/13 AR
1435	Have you any reports or info for us or neg.	C/C A	C/C B
1700	Corps CP now at S-5477.		
1727	Conduct tomorrow firing practice 27mm gun against all types enemy tanks found in your sector. Rpt results. Choose tanks already partially destroyed. 1695.	1 AD	C/C B
1729	Your officers will not attend tactical walk tomorrow.	1 AD	C/C B
1830	894 TD Bn and 601 TD Bn are asgnd to first TD group. They will remain in present positions and on present missions (from CG II Corps) 9 Div psc to 601 TD. C/C B psc to 894 TD.	1 AD	C/C B
2130	Request 1 officer from the followings: 1 AR, 13 AR, 6 Inf, 27 FA, 68 FA, 91 FA, 701 TD, 16 Det, 81 Ren, Rpt to Sig Off 1 AD at 1400 hrs, 3-MAR for instructions. (LA Mills notified at 0800 for 13 AR).	1 AD	C/C B
<u>1 MAR 43</u>			
0730	Request one officer rpt to Sig Off, 1 AD at 1400 hrs, 3 Mar for instructi ns.	C/C B (Phone)	27 FA
0720	Anti-tank gun school for officers and men held by 2/13.	2/13 AR	13 AR
0905	Meeting for tactical walk w/CG 1 AD is cancelled for today.	C/C B	2/13, 2/6, 27.
0720	Below named officers and men are to attend proposed school on anti-tank guns: Snd Lt George E. B. Wilber O-2012794 Sgt Porter D Mahoney 19041614 Sgt E. J. Brognard 36020698 Sgt Harry T. Scholtz 39223209 Act Joseph Scholtz 37155766	2/13	C/C B

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1 MAR 43 VICTORY KASSERINE

0910	The CG plans to bring the asst sect of war to your area today to present such decorations as are due members of your comd. At that time the CG desires you have assembled all those who have recd decorations in the past.	C/C B	2 /13, R/13
0930	Re: your msg 0910 hrs, one-half of my comd will not return from baths until approx 1600 hrs today. However, I will have those assembled who are present when notified of the time.	R/13	C/C B
1106	Rpt on GUSSELLIA Operations (in trip) just went to 1 AD	C/C B	1 AD
1400	Popeye joins Panther tonight. Send adv billeting info to Panther at once, advise as to time and troops as soon as possible. Roads from CP to Panther clear for Popeye's use tonight.	1 AD	C/C B
1950	Alert your comd for movement tonight further instrns follow. Send in Off this CP HQ at 1600 hrs.	C/C B	All Units
1440	Re: call at 8:00 hrs and will bring you details for tonight.	1 AD	C/C B
1513	Plan for tonight will be effective tomorrow nite. Ack.	1 AD	C/C B
1515	Ack msg of 1513 hrs.	C/C B	1 AD
1515	Alert for movement tonight called off. Movement will probably be tomorrow night.	C/C B	All Units
1800	Press and party have arrived. Am keeping them here tonite. Is that OK.	1 AD	C/C B
1915	Will send billeting parties to meet you around noon tomorrow unless we hear differently.	C/C B	Capt Klous
2030	The rd from S-4284 - S-4476 ill be open for 2 way traffic except during hrs of darkness and wet weather when it will be one way south of the rd from dirt road at S-4476 - S-5079 will be open to two traffic except under conditions as state above when it will be open for East-bound traffic only.	1 AD	C/C B
1 MAR 43			
0800	Subs Demonstration 16 Engrs on explosives and minefields, 6 Mar 43, 1330 hrs, place area S-4176 Bring notebook and steel helmet. Attendance 1 officer or selected non-com capable of acting as instructor.	C/C B	2/13, 2/6 G & I 13 / Rom Hqs, 27.1 Maint, Serv
0825	Request Capt Klous contact this HQ at once.	C/C B	1 AD
1036	Your plan for tonight cancelled indefinitely. Ack.	1 AD	C/C B
1315	Request immediate radio rpt on effect of 37mm fire on P2 MK IV tank. (URGENT).	1 AD	C/C B

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<u>4 MAR 43</u>	<u>VIC KASSEBURG</u>		
1350	Experiments by 2/6 w/77mm M51, AP ammo against MK IV tanks proved up to 900yds & is same will pierce and go thru any place except band across front of driver. At 200 yds will also go thru this.	C/C B	1 AD
1410	Your comd will move after dark tonight.	C/C B	2/13
1415	Russell en way. Have billeting party ready.	C/C B	2/13
1430	3 Bn 13 AR moving at 1830 to join you tonight. Have guide meet column ask receipt of this msg.	1 AD	C/C B
1415	Disregard msg this HQs 2230 3 MAR. The next tactical walk will be held at 1400 hrs 5 MAR. Rendezvous for the walk will be the point on the TEBESSA - THELEPTE where a road emerges from the woods at S-5767. Sub: Withdrawal, use of combined arms. The following will attend: C/C's and Regtl Comdr; Combat Command and Regtl S-3's; Train Comdr, Battalion Comdr and Battalion Executives. Ack.	1 AD	C/C B
2230	The next tactical walk will be held at 1330 hrs, 5 Mar. Rendezvous for the walk will be the point S-4363, Sub: Withdrawal, Use of Combined Arms.	1 AD	C/C B
1605	Same msg as above to the following units.	C/C B	2/6, 2/13, CO Trains, 27 FA
1325	Do you have any information regarding the "Tactical Walk" scheduled by Division for 3 MAR and the participation of members of this command.	2/13	C/C B
1730	Sub: Tactical Walk - Date: 5 Mar. 43. Time: 1400 hrs. Place: Rendezvous Point on TEBESSA - THELEPTE Rd where a road emerges from woods at S-5767. Sub: Withdrawal, Use of the combined arms. Attendance: Bn Co and Exec.	C/C B	2/
<u>5 MAR 43</u>			
1955	Weather rpt for 5 MAR. Light rain early morning. and scattered light showers late afternoon.		
0410	You will move to attack position at FAID Pass at 1300 hrs, 5 MAR. Details by msg. Ack receipt of this msg by originating a msg addressed to this	1 AD	C/C B
0105	Closed in hiv at 0100 hrs CP new at S-7179	3/13	C/C B
2300 4 MAR	You will receive a PMC 9 msg instructing you to attack FAID pass at 1200 hrs 5 MAR. The attack will be disregarded repeat disregarded. The PMC 9 msg is false. band planted msg. This msg is same code as this msg.		
2300	You will receive P.M.C. 9 msg disregard band planted		

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<u>5 MAR 43</u>			
0850	C O rpt to this CP at once	C/C B	16 Engr
1145	Officers attending tactical walks will carry field glasses and bring maps.	C/C B	2/15, 2/6, 27 FA, Trains 5/15
1615	Ser Co closed in biv at S-5484 at 1600 hrs.	Serv Co	C/C B
1700	Hon Co 13 AR has moved to a new biv area, 2 mi S of CR (S of C/C B) take right fork in road and proceed two miles SW to new location S-6978.		
1920	Request proper manuals for airplanes discussed in S-15 S-3 Air be loaned to this Org. Cars are in storage.		C/C B
1900	Have moved to S-5368 with Co B Supply.	Trains	C/C B
1950	All units and separate companies will submit to this Hq w/o delay name of one CW officer.	C/C B	All Units
2030	A daily check will be made to assure that unit markings on all vehs are legible. New vehs will be marked as soon as possible.	C/C B	All Units
2050	You will check the status of camouflage of the units of this command with the unit and separate company camouflage officers. Rpt status to this Hq.	C/C B	2/16 Engr
2055	Riv-F4 #6 dat-d 5 MAR 43. IS applicable to 1855.	1 AU	C/C B
2100	Units are reminded of Engr Demonstration 6 MAR at 1850 in 16 Engr Riv at S-4176 attendance - 1 officer per Bn Hqs and 1 Off or NCO from each tank, and Inf Co. and Hon pits of Bn Hqs.	C/C B	2/15, 2/6, 27 FA, Hon Maint Co.
2000	Weather forecast for 6 MAR misty rain early morning, scattered light showers, late afternoon.	1 AU	C/C B
<u>6 MAR 43</u>			
0900	Request CW off: Submit name Lt Norman Davis.	27 FA	C/C B
1630	27 FA Bn will fire 20 rds of 105mm at S-7978 at 1300 hrs 6 MAR 43.	27 FA (Oral)	C/C B
1030	Same as above.	C/C B	All Units.
1010	Lt W J. R. Dupree designated CW Off for this Co.	Serv Co	C/C B
0855	CW officer for Co D, 47 Med Bn is Lt Alan L. Smith.	4/47 Med	C/C B

<u>6 MAR 43</u>	<u>VIC KASSERINE</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
1125	CW officer of this Bn is Lt Hickson, Edward L. ASN O-461597.		2/8th	C/C B
1135	CWS Off of Co D, 16 Engr is Lt Stewart C Broom		D/16 Engr	C/C B
1130	Any overlay of minefields in right area.		Riot S	C/C B
1135	Msg of 1130 not understood		C/C B	47 Inf
0910	The following officers name is submitted as Company C.W. Officers: 2nd Lt Walker B. Werner		Hq Co 15 AR	C/C B
1115	CW officer 2nd Lt H.J. Makola, O-1011810		C/maint	C/C B
1200	CW officer 1st Lt Gerald J. Sealies O-572602		4/15 AR	C/C B
1325	Re: your msg 1030 hrs Rodney G. Duffine		Bn 13 AR	C/C B
1415	In order to consolidate Co B, Sup Bn, request that the plt of Co B, now on duty at the ration dump be relieved by the Co A Plt now atchd to Co B Sup Bn.		C/C B	CG 1 AD
	Range satisfactory. Submit dates and times you wish to fire and coordinate of range.		C/C B	2/8 Inf
	Have officer report this at 0845 hr 7 to 8 and lock over range.		C/C B	
1730	For your information Corps believes phoney msg on attack sent you night of 4/5 Mar obtained desired results, i.e. learning if P.M. B had been compromised Corps believes elements of 580th Bn in sucked northward toward Paid from vicinity. LIBERTY ZEBROS 1-7918.		1 AD	C/C B
2400	In compliance with msg your Hq dated 5 Mar 43, 1950 1st Lt Zachary J Cornea is appointed CW officer for this orgn.		3/15 AR	C/C B
<u>7 MAR 43</u>				
0835	There will be mortar firing at 1330 hrs Mar 7 at S-8-77 and continuing thru out afternoon.		C/C B	All units
1240	Send Engr to remove dud in our area.		3/15	C/O B
1510	Send party to remove dud in 3 Bn 13 AR area contact CO 3/15 for location.		C/C B	D/16 Engr
1545	Firing cancelled this PM. Will fire the first thing the morning.		3/15	C/C B
1520	Send via P.M. location of range.		C/C B	2/8

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7 MAR 45 VIC KASSERINE

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1020	Req request for HE supercharge ammo supply limited so Corps restricted supply to units actively engaged. Will advise when available to you.	1 AD	C/C B to 3/15
1630	Range located at S-7676	2/6	C/C B
1735	2 Bn 6 Inf will fire all weapons up to including 37mm on S-Mar beginning 0600 hrs in area S-7676	C/C B	2/15, 3/15 27 FA
2010	2 Bn 15 AR requests permission to fire 75mm tank guns from a position S-7278 due East. Time of firing 0600 hrs 8 Mar 45.	2/15	15 AR
2045	Unit Comdrs meeting this CP 1100 hrs 8 Mar	C/C B	All units
2110	There will be 75mm tank firing from S-7278 due East starting at 0600 hrs Mar 9. Mortar firing at S-6677 at 0730 hrs.	C/C B	All units
2110	Permission granted to fire tomorrow provided range is adequately guarded and all safety precautions taken.	C/C B	2/15th
8 MAR 45 1400	2 Bn 6 Inf will fire small arms in area S-7674 on 9 and 10 Mar from 0830 to 1600 hrs.	C/C B	2/15, 3/15, 27 FA & 9 Inf
1425	Ce 3 47 Ad will attend the unit demonstration with the 27 FA, the 9 of March. The time scheduled for the 47 Ad will be given to 2/6 Inf. Ask. The phone is out.	C/C B	27 FA
1530	Request use of small arms and 37mm range on 10 Mar and 11 Mar.	2/16	C/C B
1950	There will be firing on the following ranges from 0800 hrs on March 9 to 11 inclusive. From S-7278 due East w/75mm tank guns At S-6677 w/mortars and 75mm At S-7676 w/small arms and 37mm At S-7389 w/small arms and 37mm Range guards will be adequately posted.	C/C B	9 Inf Div
1946	There will be firing on following ranges from 0800 hrs to 1150 hrs Mar 9. 2 Bn 7 S Bn from S-7278 due East w/75mm. 3 Bn at S-6677 w/mortars 2 Bn 6 Inf at S-7676 w/small arms and 37mm.	C/C B	All units
1830	Assembly for tactical walk at S-895F47 1400A 9 Mar	1 AD	C/C B
9 MAR 45 0809	We will fire w/2nd Bn.	3/15	C/C B
0830	Map template reference holes 7-4-2-5-8-6-9-3-1. Map template tilt angle 0 effective at 0001A hrs 10 Mar.	1 AD	C/C B

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1020	Re: request for HE supercharge ammo supply limited so Corps restricted supply to units actively engaged. Will advise when available to you.	1 AD	C/C B to 3/15
1850	Range located at S-7675	2/6	C/C B
1735	2 Bn 8 Inf will fire all weapons up to including 37mm on 8 Mar beginning 0800 hrs in area S-7675	C/C B	2/15, 3/15 27 FA
2010	2 Bn 15 AR requests permission to fire 75mm tank guns from a position S-7278 due East. Time of firing 0600 hrs 8 Mar 45.	2/15	15 AR
2045	Unit Comdre meeting this CP 1100 hrs 8 Mar	C/C B	All units
2110	There will be 75mm tank firing from S-7278 due East starting at 0900 hrs Mar 8. Mortar firing at S-6677 at 0730 hrs.	C/C B	All units
2110	Permission granted to fire tomorrow provided range is adequately guarded and all safety precautions taken.	C/C B	2/15th
8 MAR 45			
1400	2 Bn 8 Inf will fire small arms in area S-7574 on 9 and 10 Mar from 0630 to 1600 hrs.	C/C B	2/15, 3/15 27 FA & 9 Inf
1425	Co 47 Med will be given the 27 FA, the 9 of March. The time scheduled for the 47 Med will be given to 2/6 Inf. Aok. The phone is out.		
1630	Request use of small arms and 37mm range on 10 Mar and 11 Mar.	D/16	C/C B
1950	There will be firing on the following ranges from 0600 hrs on March 9 to 11 inclusive. From S-7278 due East w/75mm tank guns At S-6677 w/mortars and 75mm At S-7675 w/small arms and 37mm At S-7389 w/small arms and 57mm Range guards will be adequately posted.	C/C B	9 Inf Div
1945	There will be firing on following ranges from 0600 hrs to 1130 hrs Mar 9. 2 Bn 7 3 Bn from S-7278 due East w/75mm. 3 Bn at S-6677 w/mortars 2 Bn 8 Inf at S-7675 w/small arms and 37mm.	C/C B	All units
1650	Assembly for tactical walk at S-695P47 1400A 9 Mar	1 AD	C/C B
9 MAR 45			
0605	We will fire w/2nd Bn.	3/15	C/C B
0830	Map template reference holes 7-4-2-5-8-6-9-3-1. Map template tilt angle 0 effective at 0001A hrs 10 Mar.	1 AD	C/C B

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<u>9 MAR 45</u>	<u>HAZRA</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
<u>TIME DATED</u>			<u>C/C B</u>	<u>Z/6, Z/ FA</u>
1145		Tactical walk at 1400 hrs meet at S-5867.	C/C B	Z/6, Z/ FA
1130		Due to other pressing needs attendance at tactical walk today limited to CO Hon Bn., CO's Hon Cos, all S-2's attendance for all others is optional.	1 AD	All units
1510		Tactical walk at S-5867 at 1400 hrs 9 Mar 45. You will attend.	C/C B	Hon/15th
1710		Unit comdr rpt to this CP at 0630 hrs on 10 Mar.	C/C B	All units
		Submit names of gas non-coms immediately	C/C B	Unit gas officers
1900		Herewith TM No 8, 1 AD for your attention and compliance.	C/C B	1 Bn 25 AR
1915		Request that Col Derehan, CO CO CP report to CO, C/C B, 1 AD to discuss future operations at 0630 Mar 10. CP C/C B is located at S-884 (South pass thru DJ HAINRA.)	C/C B	CO 9 Inf Div
		Will be unable to use rifle and 37mm range on Mar 11.	D/16 Engr	C/C B
2045		Meeting arranged as per your request 1818/2115 Range firing on Mar 10 same as today plus small arms fire at S-7389.	1 AD C/C B	C/C B All units
2200		Weather forecast for 10 Mar. Intermittent light rain to 1100 hrs. Scattered light showers in afternoon.	1 AD	C/C B
<u>10 MAR 45</u>				
1440		Rpt to CP at your earliest convenience	C/C B	D/16 Engr
1445		HQ Co 15 AR will be firing small arms and 37mm in area S-7390 on Mar 11, starting 0630 hrs.	C/C B	Z/ FA, D/16 Engr
1210		New div area located S-7375.	D/16 Engr	C/C B
1600		Names of Gas NCO's not read yet.	C/C B	S/15th
1740		Please explain at once to this CP why schedule of demonstrations to be held this day was not adhered to.	C/C B	16 Engr
1740		Will not use range on Mar 11, 45.	16 Engr	C/C B
1745		Did you have engr demonstration this day and if so at what time.	C/C B	Ser Co, C/Main B/Supply.
1700		Release plt A Co Sup Bn to move to Train div area tonight.	1 AD	C/C B
1830		Engr demonstration took place at 1150 hrs	Div Trns	C/C B

	ORIGIN	DISP
	R/Maint	C/C B
1040	Had no Engr demonstration today.	
2020	You will have following vehs rpt to Capt Klous at CR S-7285 at 0830 hrs 11 Mar; 1 3/Car; 1 (L) tank. Vehicles will be on display for air corps until 1600 hrs. Skeleton crews used if desired.	Hq/13 AR
2030	1 M tank and 1 H/T will rpt to Capt Klous at 0830 11 Mar at CR S-7285. Will be on display for air Corps until 1600 hrs.	2/13
2055	1 M tank will rpt to Capt Klous at 0845 hrs 11 Mar at CR S-7285. Will be on display until 1600 hrs for Air Corps.	3/13 AR
2055	1 75mm assault gun and 1 87mm SP gun with skeleton crews will report to Capt Klous at 0845 hrs 11 Mar at S-7285. Will be on display until 1600 hrs for Air Corps.	7mm/13 AR
2055	1 105 SP and 1 105mm on tank with skeleton crews will rpt to Capt Klous at 0855 hrs, 11 Mar at CR S-7285. Will be on display for Air Corps.	16 Inf
2055	1 Amb will rpt to Capt Klous at 0850 hrs 11 Mar at CR S-7285. Will be on display until 1600 hrs for Air Corps.	4/47 Med
2040	Weather permitting friendly planes will be overhead all day to view vehicular display at CR S-7285. Inform troops.	27 FA
1600	Oral orders issued by Col Russell to CO 2 Bn 6 Inf. One Co 2/6 Inf rpt to Col Hale, 16 Engr Bn at 0830 hrs 11 Mar.	Oral Lt Beale
11 MARCH 45 HAMRA		
0800	Tactical walk scheduled today tentative. Definite info later.	2/13, 3/13 2/6, 27 FA
0830	Tactical walk scheduled for this date cancelled	1 AD Radio (Beale)
0830	Some msg as 0830 to the following units 2/13, 3/13 2/6 (27 FA by phone)	C/C B
0830	Rpt to Div CP at 1400 hrs this date bring your 3-3, 8-2, 3-4, Ask.	1 AD C/C B
	Request location of tactical walk to be held today.	3/13 C/C B
1300	Weather permitting vehicular display for Air Force will be held Mar 12. Those orgns which supplied vehicles Mar 11 will have same detail report at same time on Mar 12.	C/C B all units
1245	Advise this Hq if you are using ranges on Mar 12	C/C B 2 + 3/13, 2/6.
1300	Have officers for FO instructions rpt at CR S-7285 at 1230 hrs on 12 Mar.	C/C B 2 + 3/13, 2/6 hon 13 AR

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<u>11 MAR 45</u>	<u>NAMRA</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
1542	Re: your letter one zero Mar British sappers will comply WITH ORDERS RECEIVED NO request for their retention will be made by this HQ.	1 AD	C/C B
1515	Submit immediately names of gas non-coms.	C/C B	3/13
1420	Request permission to use small arms MG range and Mortar range 12 Mar 45.	2/6	C/C B
1506	This unit will use range the morning of 12 Mar	2/13	C/C B
1540	RE: your msg 1420 OK for 12 Mar.	C/C B	2/6
	2 Bn 6 Inf will be firing small arms & mortars in area S-7676 on 12 Mar.	C/C B	2/13, 3/13 D/16, Ron.
1547	3 Bn 15 AR will be firing on ranges in area S-7278 on 12 Mar.	C/C B	"
1415	The 2 Bn will use the range to their immediate front.	2 Bn 15	C/C B
1653	Same msg as above to 3/13, 2/6, Ron Co & 1/16 Sqr	C/C B	
1715	Re: your msg. Has been checked and is correct. Dressed correctly. Your 5 has correct information and is on his way w/it.	1 AD	C/C B
2115	Weather forecast 12 Mar; scattered showers between 1400A and 1900A. Moderate fog 0400 to 0600 hrs.	1 AD	C/C B
2300	Send Billeting party to meet Major Curtis at CP 1 AD location to be announced later at 1800 hrs 12 Mar. Party to be prepared to remain for several days and are in addition to parties reporting 12 Mar. Ack. (0205)	1 AD	C/C B
<u>12 MAR 45</u>			
1000	Your unit will remain in present location and will pick out location for Co A, 70A TD in your area. Send 1 officer to meet G-3 at CR S-7283 at 1200 hrs on 12 Mar.	C/C B	3/15th
1800	Arms shall not be expended for training except by specific authorization for this HQ.	1 AD	All units
1845	After this day, no further arms will be expended for training without specific authorization from this HQ.	C/C B	All units
1045	RE: msg 2230 hrs one one Mar regarding billeting detail you will send detail consisting of seven (7) officers or reliable NCO's and one 2 1/2-ton trk.	1 AD	C/C B
1435	You will restrict traffic of your unit vehs to absolute minimum on all roads this area from 1800 hrs 12 Mar to 0700 hrs 14 Mar.	C/C B	3er Co B Sup C/Maint, Regtl Maint.

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12 MARCH 45
TIME DATED

EL HAIRA
MESSAGE

ORIGIN

DISPOSITION

1800	Re: msg 2240 hrs 11 Mar regarding billeting detail 15 Mar, you will send detail consisting of 7 officers or reliable NCO and 1 E-100 ton truck.	1 AD	C/C B
1825	All practice firing cancelled on 15 Mar.	C/C B	All units
1815	Air Corps vehicular display will continue Mar 15. Units will supply same detail at same time.	C/C B	All units
1845	CO 1 AD desires that Co B 776 TD do not bivouac in area B-6010 but proceed by road south from HAIRA to cross road S-7285 where they will be met and guided into biv by Maj Curtis Asst G-3 1 AD. Ranger Bn will bivouac in area already reconnoitered.	C/C B	II Corps
1957	Re: your msg 1845 to speedy do not rpt do not understand re: to all elements mentioned last rpt lost.	1 AD	C/C B
2015	Re: your msg 1845 read last sentence remainder of Bn will biv in area already reconnoitered.	C/C B	II Corps
1159	Inform Maj Curtiss, 2 Bn 1 AR is out Div Reserve plus 84th FA will move out as one command.	1 AD	C/C B
2310	776 TD Bn arrives 1700 15 Mar and biv via Youks due to traffic congestion and Tebesan will arrive vicinity HAIRA 0600 14 Mar. CO rpts to you afternoon 13 Mar. Make arrangements with them then. CO II Corps.	1 AD	C/C B
	Ask msg of 1159 and 2310.	C/C B	1 AD
<u>13 MAR 45</u>			
1800	Unit Comdrs meeting 1830	C/C B	All units
1130	Rpt to this CP at once.	C/C B	3/13th
	Return notes by S-3 Air and Air recognition manual to this HQ at once.	C/C B	3/13th
1245	Trk for billeting party this day will be equipped with AA mount. Officer for billeting party will be equipped with T840 or rifle.	C/C B	2/6, 2/12, 27, 7/16 R, 776 TD, Hq CCB, Serv & Maint, 15 AR
1844	Co B 776 TD expected CR S-8372 at 0700 hrs 14 Mar.	C/C B	1 AD
1945	From Plt Hq Co 15 AR has left with Col Benson Request small det div MP's to be atchd to this Hq.	C/C B	1 AD

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14 MAR 45
TIME DATED
1858

EL HANNA
MESSAGE

ORIGIN
C/C B

DISPOSITION
2/15, 2/6
Rm/15, D/10th

Report as soon as possible the number of VEHY pistols and red, white and green cartridges on

hands. Number of standard signal projectors and cartridges for same will also be reported.

1800

Have you photos of your gun carriage and recovery vehicles. If so request not be sent to this HQ w/o delay.

C/C B

776 TD Bn

1800

ATT G-3. Request that 16 Reg's demonstration of enemy mines and demolitions be shown to a unit of this command at 1830 tomorrow.

C/C B

1 AD

Submit a report on the present vehicular and personnel strength of the attached 443 AA of your comd.

C/C B

27 FA

Your request for an MP detachment is turned down. The Div MP section has been reduced and none are available.

1 AD

C/C B

1845

Vehicular and personnel strength of 443 CA(AA)

27 FA

C/C B

125 EM 11 H/Ts w/37 & 50 Cal guns
5 Cff 4 1/2-ton dwt
125 Total 1 weapons carrier 3/4-ton
3 2 1/2-ton Gcs
25 Total vehicles.

1855

No photos of M-10's available in Bn II Corps took pictures yesterday at YOUNG for distribution. Please tell Capt Ibran the 193 radio was damaged this AM and will be repaired shortly and will check in net.

776 TD

C/C B

1818

Meeting Div CP 1000 hrs 15 Mar Ask.

C/C B

776 TD & 27FA

No more copies available of "Mines & Booby Traps" and "Camouflage" requested by your S-2. All units except A Co 701 TD Bn have already read copies of these memos. We are extremely short of paper so additional copies cannot be reproduced w/out completely exhausting our supply. Sorry.

C/C B

15 AR

1840

Your request of 1800 hrs Okayed. 16 Reg will contact you direct to make final arrangements.

1 AD

C/C B

1850

C Co Maint Bn released from attachment upon departure of your command and will remain in present div pending orders from CG Maint Bn. B Co 47 Med Bn released from attachment and will continue in support.

1 AD

C/C B

1845

The CG 1 AD desires that you attend an officers meeting at his tent 1000 hrs 15 Mar 45.

DAO

776 TD Bn

1815

You will supply billeting parties with necessary transportation not to exceed 8 vehs (3-ton) to rpt to Maj Curtis at Div Hq at 1800 hrs. 12 hr. Vehs should be equipped with sand bags in floor, snake and fragmentation grenades, where possible, and sufficient rations and water for 3 days. Personnel should carry either rifles or tommy guns. Ask.

1 AD

C/C B

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14 MAR 43
HRO

EL HAMEA

Enemy mine and explosive type demonstration is available as per your request - 15 March 1330 hrs. Unable to reach you tonight by phone. Will contact you in morning as to place and unit.

ORIGIN
Exec Ctr
16 Engrs

DISPOSITION
C/C B

15 MAR 43

Have arranged for demonstration on enemy mines and booby traps to be held in your area at 1300 hrs today. Officers and all up to total of 150 may attend.

C/C B

776 TD Bn

You will supply billeting detail of 1 truck 1/2 ton with officer and 2 KM to meet Maj Long at CR S 7853 1700 hrs today. Vehicle should be equipped with sand bags, rations and water for 2 days. HG if possible smoke and fragmentation grenades. Personnel should carry rifles or tommy guns.

C/O B

21, 2/6, 2/15
776, Maint Co,
2/16 Engr, Non Co

Please advise place and unit for Engineer enemy mine and explosive demonstration scheduled in accordance with your request for 1330 hrs 15 March 43 in C/C B area.

16 Engr

C/C B

Mine and explosive demonstration to take place at 776 TD Bn area (4-7879) at 1330 hrs today March 15th. This unit is beyond (south) of Non Co 13 43.

C/C B

16 Engr

Test firing of mortars and 37mm tank guns today at 1530 hrs at S-7 0677.

C/O B

All Units

1530

Request permission to fire 3 - 37mm and 1 - 75mm tank guns, 3 rounds each at 1000 hrs 16 March 43.

2/15

C/C B

1620

Be prepared to move early tomorrow morning. C O's report to CP at 1500 hrs tonight.

C/C B

All Units

16 MAR 43

0955

Crossed IF. (Arrived at 0815; held up due to 776 TD not having cleared.

Arrived KASSERINE Pass 14.6 miles at 1240
" RJ 17.5 " 1255
" KASSERINE 22.5 " 1310
" RJ THELEPTE 40 " "
" New Area 78.8 " 1300

1925

Had has bogged down Flank Force - it will not leave SBHILIA until some time after daylight March 17. C/C B remains in position to protect North flank until further orders. Rest of main column is delayed 8 - 10 hrs due to road conditioning in KASSERINE Valley. 1st Inf Div proceeding according to plan, as far as Speedy Adv Knows.

I AD

C/C B

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<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
0910	Have billeting officer with basket report to this CP (S 2 Tent) at 100 hrs today to go with Maj Long to new bivouac area.	C/C B	All Units
0940	Situation report for period 0001 hrs 18 MAR. Preparation for move and enroute to present assembly area.	S/S Inf	C/C B
1126	Tail of 91 FA Bn cleared CR at 1120 hrs. Column now making about 12 MPH.	C/C A	C/C B
1210	Contact Preston at 3942 and tell him to bring complete billeting party to where he left his Bn yesterday on order of C O 3rd Bn 15 Ar.		S/S
1237	Early this morning 4 tanks and 1 car w/Inf at 1-5484. Contact with enemy at 1-3337 at 1237 hrs. Source Derby Yehamry. Probably a patrol.	S/S	S/S CO, Engr.
	2 Bn 15 AR, 776 TD, 27 FA, formed a defensive semi-circle for the night around BIR EL HAP'Y. 3 Bn 6 (AF Co) posted 2/15 about 3 miles North and Northeast BIR EL HAP'Y. Just after dark.		
<u>18 MAR 43</u>			
0645	You will stay in present position and await orders.	C/C B	2/15, 776 TD
2035	Fires have been observed in bivouac this area. This will cease immediately. 1/11	1 AD	C/C B
2100	Above message to all units.	C/C B	All Units
2215	Weather forecast for 19 MAR: Light rains early morning and scattered showers in afternoon.	1 AD	C/C B
2250	Co D 16 Engr Bn will report to C O 16 Engr Bn morning 19 MAR for employment in road maintenance. This Co is not released from attached your command and is available on call.	1 AD	C/C B
<u>19 MAR 43</u>			
0735	Your company less two plts with recce will report to C O 16 Engr Bn morning 19th March for employment in road maintenance. Your company still attached to C/C B and available on call.	C/C B	D/16 Engr

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<u>18 MAR 45</u>			
	Can expect missing infantry Co in at dark tonight.	1 AD	G/C B
1030	Expect 7th Co dark tonight.	G/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
1045	Gen Ward and Col Rose visited CP and conferred with Gen Robinette.		
1200	1st Gen Patton visited CP and conferred with Gen Robinette.		
1445	There will be a unit commanders meeting at 1630	G/C B	All Units
1800	Request aerial photos of area D-5704, SE Y 5886 thence East to line from T 5010 SE to T - 6000.	G/C B	1 AD
2030	Information SO NUT and CGS attacks SW DJ MASOURA and DJ GOTTIA at 0800 hrs 20 MAR.	1 AD	C/C B
<u>20 MAR 45 DJ HAFRE</u>			
0530	CP 9th Inf Div will open in new location S-3462 at 0800 hrs 20 Mar 45.	9th Div.	G/C B
1300	Nighth Army ground to ground recognition for armored fighting vehicles and vehicles with wireless masts for period T to 25 MAR incl. will be one pennant flown at top of mast.	1 AD	All Units
1500	Same as above.	G/C B	All Units
1516	Be prepared to move at dark to positions recommended by billeting party 17 MAR. Details follow.	G/C B	All Units
1530	Billeting officers report to HQ G/C B at 1630 .	G/C B	All units
1730	Unit commanders meeting at 1900 hrs.	G/C B	All Units
2030	Left CP for new area.		
2245	Arrived new CP vicinity DJ SOUTHW 2106.		
<u>21 MAR 45</u>			
0625	One platoon to CP for guard w/e delay Ask.	G/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
	Beginning about one thirty there will be displays in vicinity STA, SURED. Disregard flares.	G/C B	All Units
	Your recon Co will arrive in this area just prior to daylight. Have guide meet them.	G/C B	776 TD Bn
0740	9th Army ground - to - ground recognition flags will not be flown on vehicles of this command.	G/C B	All Units
9	Unit areas are too congested - Disperse.	G/C B	All Units.

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DISPOSITION

21 MAR 48

1000 CP C/C "C" - F 428054,
CP 6007 - F 6082
Mogillin to push reinforced Bn B of Sened.

1030 Be prepared to move by 1200 today. C/C B All units

1130 Routes of march will be marked by Division
M's - none available for attachment to you. I AD C/C B

1204 Unit commanders meeting at 1430 C/C B All units
Left old CP at 1230 hrs., arrived new CP 2400 hrs
74807 mileage 80 miles.

22 MAR 48

0030 Command moving into area will forward elements C/C B 1st AD
F 4408 CP closed at 4900.

0048 You will attach one company to C/C G, Col Stank C/C B 776 TD Bn
comdg. Co will move at once to RZ 6004.

0118 Unit commanders report to this CP at once at F 4907 C/C B All units

0126 Passed IP 1948 Cleared IP 2118 Enter bivouac 2400
closed bivouac 0100. 27th FA C/C B

Plan changed - Stank reinforced attacks MARIASSET
Village in morning. You protect B flank along Oued
west from bridge at 7784 and prepare to assist
Stank from NW. Move to position tonight and place
arty tonight on MARIASSET. Send one company tank
destroyers to Stank tonight at Point 47 ank. I AD C/C B

0205 Prepare to move at once. C/C B 776 TD Bn

0200 First part of message ok. You will cover north
flank - exit the work along. You will be in general
position in that sector. 1st AD C/C B

0212 TO #18 C/C B changed as follows: 27 FA all gone to
fire on MARIASSET from vicinity 7784 776 TD w/2nd Bn
and plt 16 Engrs cover left north flank from vicinity
7704. Push run to passcs F 6025 and F 7725 but do
not cease. Other run missions no change. 2/16th Engr
prepares crossings over Oued toward MARIASSET. C/C B 776 TD Bn/2nd

0245 Col Gardiner reported 7 miles east of assembly area.

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<u>TIME DATE</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
<u>22 MAR 45</u>			
0855	Left old CP at 0840. Arrived new CP 0855. This was 2 1/2 miles down the road along the line of last night's advance. Traffic tie-up of column 778 halted on road made necessary for us to disperse vehicles on left side of road, tactically.		
	Arrived new CP 1030.		
1355	Fwd elements are located at 27 FA, 2 Bn 13 vicinity T 7412, 778 TD, 2 Bn 6 Inf T-6822. Rem Co 778 at T-7727.	C/C B	1 AD
1445	Our arty will fire in area east line T-7800 T-750200 before dark. Will inform you time firing will start.	6 Inf	C/C B
1590	Our Rem at T-811K12 at 1500 hrs. No contact.	6 Inf	C-2 1 AD
1740	Prepare to send out at least three strong patrols tonight.	C/C B	2 Bn 6th
1925	CP moved to new location forward.		
2015	Arrived new CP T-6215.		
2115	Patrols will be in our passes at T-7910 and T-7825 and in OUED L LEBIN vicinity T-8014 tonight.	C/C B	1 AD
2130	Have Lt. Smith L.C. report to CG tomorrow.	C/C B	1 AD
2515	Beginning at daylight tomorrow, put all your effort on repairing or relocating our routes of advance.	C/C B	D/16 Engr
2200	CP now at T-5402.	1 AD	All Units
	Report all air attacks on 22 Mar.	1 AD	All Units
	No air attack 22 MAR.	C/C B	1 AD
<u>23 MAR 45</u>			
0115	Flank force operating in pass at T-7527, with medium tanks and Bn arty. Area mined.	1 AD	All Units
0050	Rpt what crossing you have prepared over wadi running SW from T-7814.	1 AD	C/C B
0600	What crossings exist over OUED running SW from T-7814.	C/C B	D/16 Engr
0655	Send us latest informat on res: up to complete numbering.	C/C B	1 AD

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<u>MAR 43</u>			
0850	2 Bn 6 Inf released from atohd to your command.	C/C B	776 TD Bn
0925	Report to this CP at your earliest convenience.	C/C B	X/X D/16 Eng
1210	Qued may be crossed at T-7611 and T-7308.	C/C B	1 AD
1400	Have Co now guarding this CP take over passes at T-5617 and T-6423. Relieve 81 Bn guarding bridge at T-780136 and prepare same for demolition. Engrs to you for demolitions.	C/C B	2 Bn 6 Inf
1600	2 Bn 6 Inf takes over guard of bridge at T7812. It will be prepared for demolition. Send necessary party for demolitions to this HQ. It will work under 2 Bn 6 Inf. Urgent.	C/C B	D/16 Engr.
1815	The Exc carried verbal orders to 2/6th to radi the Phosphate mines position at T-7915 tonight, to send patrols into passes at T7825 and T7912 tonight.	Oral from Col Russell	
1725	I have a report from 21 Bn that Mission given you has not been accomplished. Report why not and get started right away.	1 AD	C/C B
2110	Air-ground recognition flares will be displayed from 0500 to 0800 hrs 24 Mar at T-7404.	C/C B	All Units
2345	Report at once when you expect to accomplish relief at T-523129.	1 AD	C/C B
2345	2 amber flares observed at 2327 hrs. 1 N of this bivouac area appeared to be from far side of DURBEL BLOUSHI MTS.	Maint/15	C/C B
<u>MAR 43</u>			
0005	Relief left here for point 6 at 1430 hrs. Mission should be already accomplished. Will check further and inform you.	C/C B	1 AD
0034	Unit has been relieved at point 6. Relay to C O of relieving unit.	81 Bn	C/C B
0201	Relief at T-523129 accomplished.	C/C B	1 AD
0650	Closed in assembly area at 0630 CP now at T-520178.	2/15th	C/C B
1148	Alert your command at once - ACK.	1 AD	C/C B
1200	Alert your command for movement. Send L. O. to this HQ at once.	C/C B	All Units
1222	Move to vicinity TART 7750 immediately. Continue Bn coverage North flank.	1 AD	C/C B

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DISPOSITION

Send 2nd Bn 6th Inf ahead. Send advanced detail
2nd Bn 6th Inf to report to C.C. 6th Inf. 1820 hrs.

1 AD

C/C B

2nd Bn 15th AR - Lt Williams directed to inform
bunks to move at once by road south to point T6503.
Billeting officer and party to proceed and meet
Maj Long at T6503.

Col Wrookloff 27 FA - move to vicinity of T6503
following the 2nd Bn 15th AR. Billeting officer
proceed and meet Maj Long at T6503.

Oral by Col Cairns

778 TD - Lt Cole directed to inform his Bn CO that
the bn would move as soon as arty cleared. Move
by most direct route to T-7811 where they would be
prepared to cover the North and NE flank of C/C B.

1st Co 15th - Lt Carter directed to inform his
CO that company would move into area NW of CR
T6604 as soon as possible when work completed.

1485

D/16 move to T-7710. Check crossing at Oued
Sillan so that 776th can move south of Oued or
C/C B can move north if necessary.

C/C B

D/16th

1400

Bn Co's 776th and 15th AR movement to new area
and recon instructions handled by Maj Phillipsborn.

1800

Late night movement area.
Stopped 5.5 miles South.

1814

CP now located at T-6507

C/C B

1st AD

2028

Air-ground recognition flares will be displayed
from 0500 to 0600 hrs 26 March at T 7407 for information.

1 AD

C/C B

2105

Above message sent to all units.

C/C B

All units.

2236

Plt F Co 6th Inf now guarding bridge, now atohd
to you. The blowding of bridge is your responsibility.

C/C B

D/16 Engrs

2280

Hurricane bombers are now operating in this area.
All troops should be cautioned not to fire on these
planes as they can easily be confused with ME 109's.

1 AD

C/C B

2306

Have the following organizations deliver immedi-
ately to Div train comdr following guns: 57mm AT
SP for protection of trains, 18 AR 4 guns, 27 FA
3 guns.

1 AD

C/C B

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0140

MESSAGE

Hurricane bombers are now operating in this area.
Caution troops -- plans easily confused with ME LOS.

ORIGIN
C/C B

DISPR
All units

Lt Kennel, HSN Co, will HSN thru pass at T7826 as far as point T-8125, one platoon medium tanks will support him. One btry 17th is displacing now to support. Time of departure 1800 hrs. Kennel is coming back to contact your representative at F Co.

C/C B

2 Bn 15th

1839

Road mission completed. All crossings within 200 yds of original crossing I-767109.

D/10th

C/C B

2100

1 AD requested by us to return to our control the platoon of D Co 16th Engr that was atabd to lift mine fields to the 776th TD Bn.

C/C B

1st AD

Engr Det now with you will be reduced to 6 men, 2 per each of your plato. Men and H/T when released will be picked up by Lt. Baker Co "D" 16th Engr. He will also deliver to you 2 more mine detectors.

C/C B

Pen/15th

Request Plat Co D 16th Engr's that is now attached to the 776th TD Bn be released and returned to our control immediately.

C/C B

1st AD

26 MAR 45

Did your children return to you last night?

C/C B

D/10th Engr

1800

Starting just prior to dusk you will send a combat patrol east along Qued Estmad to Qued Serrak El Verja thence NE along the latter Qued about two miles where you will remain to observe and listen. Patrol will return just prior to daylight tomorrow. Shortly before starting in, patrol will fire several flares and fire automatic weapons in direction of Pass at T7825. Report will be made of own and enemy action. Patrol leader will pick up very pistol cartridges and one rocket discharger from CP 2 Bn 15th on way east. Vehicles may be taken as far east as 27 FA outpost line about 500 yds east of Orlab Estmad Oasis.

C/C B

D/10th Engr

1835

Co D 16 Engrs will have a patrol operating in vicinity of T 74210. During the night they will fire several flares and automatic weapons towards Pass Y 7825.

C/C B

27, 2/15,
1/776, R/15

2130

Report to CP at once.

C/C B

2/15th.

27 MAR 45

0715

6 Inf repts attack at 8215 by Co Inf sup by fire from enemy right flank.

C/C B

All units

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27 MAR 45

MESSAGE

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DISPOSITION

Friendly planes will be in this area at approximately 0900 hrs, this morning. No AA fire at either friendly or enemy planes will be done until 1030 hrs.

C/C B

All units

Verbal report by Capt Palmer D/10th - Patrol passed thru 27 FA Bn and 770th TD Co A and was not challenged. Patrol proceeded to approximately 2-7440 where they stationed themselves. No activity observed during the night. At 0415 hrs patrol fired automatic weapons and released several colored flares. No activity observed. On return patrol again passed through lines. 27th FA Bn and Co A 770 TD when only one man stopped them. This was a guard who got out of a H/T unarmed and approached with the question "Hey! Buddy, what's going on", Patrol lost one man who apparently got lost somewhere on the return trip.

Ground-to-ground recognition signal to be flown on 1st AD all armored vehicles and vehicles with radio masts will be one pennant in the center of the mast from present date till 31st March 1945.

C/C B

Above message sent to all units C/C B

C/C B

All units.

Maj Wilder telephoned and stated bombing attack of this morning would be repeated at 1:30 hrs and to

2030

Co D 16 Engrs will patrol Oued El Lebda from T7416 tonight. Vehicles will be left in wadi at T7110 Ask.

C/C B

X/15, 27 FA
N/770/R/15

28 MAR 45

1635

Eight British and French paratroops will be coming back through our lines between 29 Mar and 5 April.

1 AD

C/C B

Above message to all units.

C/C B

All units

2130

Units will not display pennants at half-mast until ordered by this HQ. Be prepared to do so on moments notice.

C/C B

All units

29 MAR 45

0630

Following hasty minefields were laid in this area T-855206, 12 mines, 5 booby traps; T8710 21 mines scattered; T860187, 786 mines six rows; T876189, 104 mines 6 rows.

1 AD

C/C B

0645

Report to this CP some time this morning.

C/C B

D/16 Engrs.

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DATED

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1045	In connection with projected plans I consider secrecy as of primary importance. No movement rearward except normal administrative traffic should be made except under cover of darkness and I so recommend.	C/C B	I AD
1050	Request permission to test fire small arms in area T-65262 at 1900 today.	D/16 Eng	C/C B
0815	It is expected that P-53 Mustangs will be operating in this area within the next few days. All troops should be notified. Study will be of this plane as it closely resembles the HQ 109.	I AD	C/C B
1050	Patrol will go tonight to area Rcn yesterday. Send officer to HQ for details.	C/C B	D/16 Eng
1045	At 0800 - 30 MAR. 27 FA Bn will lay down a five min preparation on eastern patch at T-755205. At 0805, 27 FA will fire for 5 min into patch at T-755205. For this fire, 27 FA Bn will move at least one battery in position at T-7925. After firing, 27 FA Bn will move to positions vicinity B-7113 closing prior to daylight. A patrol from Co D 16 Eng Bn will move at 1900 today to positions in the hills at T-75295. The patrol will pick up a guide from Rcn Co 13 AR Oasis vicinity T-7323 at 2000 at 0806. The patrol will demonstrate toward the eastern patch and retire. It will not become engaged unless a pushover presents itself.	C/C B	D/16, 27 FA 2/15, 4/15/43

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0730	Urgently request permission to test fire 76mm gun. Tank gun of 2/15 at vic T-582800.	Main/15	C/C B
	Unmarked minefield exists to North and South of Gafsa Road vicinity Y 413950. Engineers starting work.	I AD C/C B	C/C B All Units
1104	Main Co will test fire 76mm gun at 1400 hrs vicinity T-582800.	C/C B	All Units
1200	Ref ltr II Corps Subs "Firing on Friendly Aircraft" CG will give personal attn that troops incl trains and atchd fire only when atchd. Sit. serious. Gen Patten will hold all subordinate comdrs personally responsible.	I AD	C/C B
2015	Lake plans for a possible demonstration to the Northeast to be executed on Corps order. Ack.	I AD	C/C B
2130	Above Msg ack.	C/C B	I AD

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21 MAR 43	VICINITY MARMARSHY		
0615	Report to this CP at once.	C/C B	D/16 Eng
0614	4 Inf is sending a patrol up toward Pline mine and to the East of little DJ DJSES.	1 AD	C/C B
0900	Co A 776 TD ordered to send a patrol to pass at Drebs - DJ ZEBBNS. Co D 18 Engr Bn - order to send a patrol to pass at DJ MAZILLA - DJ GULFE. Ron Co 15 AR - ordered to be prepared to send a patrol to MINERI Pass as soon as enemy MGs mortar and cannon cleared out. Main Co 15 AR will test fire 57mm guns at T-5820 at 1400 hrs today.	C/C B	LE Co D/16 776 td. RGA/15th 2/15, 776, Ron/15, 27FA 1 AD
1820	Guns observed by our observers today are 1 - 77mm gun neutralized at T-776252. Ron rptd T-7815 - T-776215 - T-776252. We could not observe these and neither would Ron.		
0850	Rain showers in extreme North with precipitation up to one-tenth inch. Light fog in valleys until 0800 hrs.	1 AD	C/C B
1210	Submit at once estimated coordinates of enemy gun positions which have been firing today.	C/C B	27, 776 2/15, D/16.
1340	Re: msg 1210 - Unknown.	2/15	C/C B
1505	Gun firing near 7812 and cactus patch at 7820.	D/16 Eng	C/C B
1715	Positions of C/C B sent to C/C A by telephone. Template readings used.	Capt Mews to Col Hightower	
1700	1 AR (-1 Bn, 2 Bn, & 1 Co of 3 Bn), 1 Bn 6 Inf, A Co 16 Engr, 1 Co 776 TD Bn supported by Div Arty attacks to the North from GUMD LUNAN present position of C/C A to secure the high ground DJ DJSES - DJ ZEBBNS. The 27 FA will send liaison officer to the 1 AR. The 27 FA will support the attack on call. C/C B will keep C/C A informed hourly by template positions of units. C/C A will reciprocate. Diversionary attacks are being made by the 60 CF and 3 Bn 6 Inf on DJ BAI DO GUGU and DJ BRINCA. Attack to commence at 1800 hrs.	Verbal from Col Haines to Col Cairns.	
1950	Haines has been held up for two or three hours but will advance on mission tonight.	1 AD	C/C B
2140	Haines will not move until at least 0400 hrs 1 APR 43.		
2145	Effective at once and until further orders ground to ground signal for armored vehicles and vehicles with radio masts will be 2 pennants flown from top of mast. Time signed 1 APR 43, 0001 hrs.	C/C B	All Unit.

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MESSAGE

GREEN HIR

SECRET FOR APRIL 1, 1943

27 FA 1 Btry along hills in position to fire into N. Pass.
2 Btrys displace fwd into wadi. Hains attack delayed to
0400 hrs Apr 1. Be prepared to support Co A 776 TB. Take
some 82mm in position as today. No fire before daylight.
Security Det to push wall E in order to watch for vehs
of Hains Force. Positive identification of vehs before
opening fire. Hains force carries 2 pennants on antenna
masts. 2 Bn 13 AR orders same as today.
Bn moves fwd before daylight, one co well fwd. Positive
identification of vehicles before firing. Hains force
carries 2 pennants on antenna masts.

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0755 Pennants will be flown as directed in msg 0001 hrs April 1. O/C B All Units

0909 Vehicles in concealed or camouflaged stationary positions will not repeat not display pennants. Moving vehs will display pennants. O/C B All Units

1515 2 Bn 13 AR given orders thru liaison officer to push fwd Vhl from Col Russell from their present positions at 1630 hrs to develop enemy fire coming from vicinity of T-7526. 27 FA Bn was ordered to support 2 Bn 13 AR by fire on areas T-7526 and T-7728.

1630 There are no Americans in the area under control of this command. O/C B 1 AB

1750 In order to create a diversion for the withdrawal of O/A O/C B 27.2/13. from NW BVEDS today (1) 2 Bn 13 AR will demonstrate A/TTG. by fire in the direction of passes at T-7824 and T-7819 from general area now occupied by most fwd elements of Bn at 1830. (2) 27 FA Bn will lay concentrations on mine area and passes at T-7819 and T-7825 from 1830. (3) Co A, 776 TB Bn will send a patrol toward pass at T-7819. It will expose vehicles only near cover and only for demonstration purposes. Patrol will be dismounted except for the above. Co A will be prepared to support this patrol in case of a tank debouchment from pass at T-7819. Fire of M-10's will be held until range becomes effective. (4) Demonstration ends at 1900 hrs.

1615 Our mission was accomplished and we are now ordered to withdraw under cover of darkness. It would assist us materially if you would stage a demonstration starting about 1830 hrs. Suggest movement to East and arty concentration in Mine and village to West just before dark. O/C A O/C B

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2 Apr 43

TIME

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0620

Report to this CP immediately.

MESSAGE

ORIGIN

0/C B 2/16 Reg

0700

Verbal orders from Col Russell to Capt Palmer, D Co 16 Reg to send a plt out to cover and protect the CP of Reg Co 13 A¹.

0725

Plt mission changed. New mission: Plt will work into the hills north and northeast of Reg CP to kill or capture any enemy patrols which move into the hills from the eastern patch area. Ask.

0/C B 2/16

0800

Plt moved out on mission.

2/16 0/C B

1000

Main Co 13 A¹ will test fire 75mm gun at 1500 hrs today at T-5820 (at 1800 hrs).

0/C B All Units

1800

You will send a patrol tonight to ascertain the presence of enemy on the high ground at T-7721. Patrol to move from present location north via SHPRAK BENTIA to point opposite the high ground.

0/C B 1/76

1815

Your Plt now with Reg Co 13 AR will outpost the present CP of Reg Co tonight and move out in the morning on same mission as today.

0/C B 2/16

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1000

Reg complete operations with 250, 170, 133, and template 240 effective 0901A 3 Apr. Ask.

1 AB 0/C B

1130

Ask above msg.

1245

Main Co 13 AR will test fire 75mm gun at 1500

0/C B 1 AB

hunker in vicinity of 5820.

1700

Col Wrookloff reported that Div is withdrawing one plt of 1A from 27 FA.

27 FA 0/C B

1645

Prearranged signal for 2nd Bn 13 AR to recall patrol in event of movement. One white and one green flare fired from very pistol. Request permission to use this signal.

2/13 0/C B

1725

Re: msg 1645 signals permission routed.

0/C B 2/13

1930

Plt of Co D 16 Reg machine relieved from guarding of Reg Co 13 A¹.

Vtl Russell to Palmer.

1934

Lt Walker left to check rear plt of the Co A, 776 TD Bn.

2000

Mission of sending patrol to vicinity of high ground at T-7721 given enemy last night will be carried out again tonight.

Capt Kious

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3 Apr 43 Via MARIANNA

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MESSAGE

ORIGIN
G/O W

DIR
2/13,
2/13,
27 Feb,
4/776,
2/16 Engr.

Prior to daylight 4 Apr (1) Sqr 27 FA will have 1 Btry in position via T-7003, 1 Btry via T-7003 with remainder of Bn in present positions, all prepared to fire on targets of opportunity and those already located. Btry at T-7003 will support tank elements in that area if necessary. (2) S Bn 13 A¹ will have one co cover btry at T-7003 and one co cover btry at T-7113. This latter co will have one pl¹ in Grid via T-7314 in concealed positions to fire indirectly on targets of opportunity. The Bn less two cos will be in position via oasis BISHMAR. (3) A/776 no change. (4) Ren 13 A¹ No change. (5) D/16 Engr no change.

4 Apr 43
0630

Map Template Reference holes 356, 172, 493. Tilt angle 0. Effective 0601 & Apr.

G/O B All Units

0735

Carefully observed enemy activity indicates that the enemy have mines at or between the following ~~summit~~ coordinates & T-770238 - T-757286 - T-740245 - T-756924. This checks with previous information on from this HQ, but gives a more accurate position of the minefield.

S-2 S-3

0845

A patrol from G/O A will be operating this morning in vic of the mine. Care will be taken to fire only on identified targets.

G/O B All Units

0850

There were no enemy observed in area T-7728. Lights observed in BIKOUSSI and Dj GOULEB. Nothing in BIKHIN.

A/776 TO G/O B

1630

Lt Walker sent to inform D Co 13 A¹ that they could only fire anywhere north of the Mine.

1615

Maj Lee called and stated that the patrol previously rptd by Lt Baker as only operating in the mine area until 1800 hrs was still out and would probably not return before 1800 hrs. This & all was an answer to our telephone call requesting information on this patrol.

Maj Lee Capt Elson
G/O A

1530

Report of Patrol:
1. Strength: 1 off, 8 M
2. Route: From T-6623 East between Dj Zahra and Dj el BIKHA, El HANPA to K-S line along vertical & 70.
3. List of events:
2048 hrs: Left T-6623
2135 hrs: Fire observed in Arab huts.
2243 hrs: Sighted flare to E of T-6623.
0215 hrs: Sighted flare to E of Dj BIKHS.
0320 hrs: Flare East DJ BIKHS
0530 hrs: Returned to T-6623.

2/13 G/O B

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4 Apr 43 Vicinity of MARIANET

TIME
DATE
1745

MESSAGE

ORIG
C/O B
27 Feb
A/776
R/13
R/13

- For tonight units will remain in areas now occupied only local movements for alone in defense will be made. Co D 16 Bgr Ba starts laying mines along Road HEMMA - EL HERBA tonight. Outwards in that sector will cover Co Dp A patrol from 9th zone as will work in the hills toward Bj MATHLA tonight. OO's will report when first X ray has been made.
- 1940 Unmarked minefields have been laid in OUED EL LERAN from T-7318 to T-7415. Ask. C/O B All Units
- 2135 Positions for Apr 5th will be the same as Apr 4th barring other developments during the night. All movement will be completed prior report prior to daylight. C/O B 776, R/13.
- 2150 British off and British Sgt in American jeep rptd SBEITLA area afternoon of 4 Apr asking suspicious questions and advising party of 1 British and 6 French would come thru lines tonight. All units warned to apprehend and verify unknown persons giving or asking military information in this sector. 1 AB C/O B
- 2215 The area has been reconnoitered and found suitable for this purpose. Rom13 C/O B
- 5 Apr 43
- 1040 Maint Co 13 A, will be test firing small arms 6 Apr - between 0900 - 1200 hrs in vis of T-5320. C/O B All Units
- 0720 Rpt of Patrol: Strength 1 off, 5 EL. Route: from T-6623 E between Bj el HERBA - el HEMMA to vertical 70 and return to T-67195. Order of events: 2100 hrs left T-6623; 2210 hrs - Flare dropped from plane to NE, about 5 mi NE of 6623. No other incidents. 0825 hrs: arrived at T-670195. 2/13 C/O B
- 1250 There is a small unmarked minefield W of and bordering on OUED EL LERAN at T-7317 in addition to other minefields in the wadi and just east of wadi. C/O B All Units
- 0950 All vehicles except tanks that remain in stationary position for more than 24 hrs will be dug in to reduce the vulnerability from bombing. C/O B All Units
- 1615 Telephone msg from Capt Powell of fire of 1 AB (C-3.) Alert 2 Bn 13 AB to move on 1/2 hrn notice to join Col Benson. (This is on Corps order). More details will follow via liaison officer.
- 1620 Alert your bn to move on 1/2 hrn notice to join Col Benson. More details will follow if and when obtained. C/O B 2/13

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5 Apr 43
1740

Via of MANASSAH

After dark tonight the following moves will take place:
(1) 27 FA Bn will concentrate via of Oasis HIRSHAD and probably fire from those positions tomorrow. Patrol - no change.
(2) 2 Bn 13 AN will concentrate vicinity T-6423 prepared to move to join Col Benson EL SHEIKH sector on 1/2 hour notice. No patrol will be sent out tonight. If Bn does not move prior to daylight it will send 1 co into battle position E of Oasis HIRSHAD.
(3) A/776 TD Bn will move 1 plt into biv on the N flank of the 27 FA Bn. Prior to daylight this plt will move into battle position between OUD HIRSHAD and DJ MELOUBI on about vertical 72. Fit now on right flank will remain in that general area. (4) D/16 Engrs will continue to lay mines W of OUD SERIAK EL SHEIKH. It will send small patrol into the hills between DJ ZERAD and DJ BERDA EL HAMRA (5) Other units - no change.

O/O B
27, 2/13,
2/13, 2/15,
A/776,
D/16 Engrs.

- 1945 Mag confirming alert of 2 Bn 13 AN. 1 AB O/O B
- 1645 You will have one co J Bn 1 AN reconnoiter route so as to be ready to move on order to join O/O B. This move will take place in case 2 Bn 13 AN ordered to join Benson force. 1 AB O/O B
- 2090 Disregard today's mag of 1250 hrs. From T-7119 and T-7420 to junction at T-7318 and thence south to T-7516 wadi and along West bank of wadi junction at T-7318. O/O B All Units

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8335 Provisions of TM #10 this HQ & Ayr apply only to S-2 reports and not S-3 reports. 1 AB O/O B

FO #11 will be changed to FO #12.

- 1208 Everything OK. Believe results of plans will be favorably concluded. 1/6 O/O B
- 0120 There is a minefield in wadi running from T-7119 and T-7420 to junction at T-7318 and thence south to T-7516. Bank outside edge of wadi junction at T-7318 also mined. O/O B 1 AB
- 1440 Speed reports everything going swell in fact better than expected. Received some MG fire but inaccurate. Good cooperation from Arty and Coppins outfit. O/6 O/O B
- 1425 Inf now 600 yds from 1st Obj. Attack progressing satisfactory. O/O B 1 AB
- 1645 MG next stops further advance. Speed sensing arty fire. Will rpt outcome. O/6 O/O B

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6 Apr 49
TIME
DATE
1745

MESSAGE

Use every available weapon to punch out enemy resistance and take objective.

ORIGIN
C/O B

DATE
C/O B Inf

16th Regt laying mines from 7222 to 7219 tonight.

2/16 C/O B

(1) 2 Bn 13 AR is released to C/O B. It will close after dark into area occupied last night. Prior to daylight it will take up positions occupied before dawn this morning.

C/O B 2/13, 2/15

1/17

27 PA Bn.

2/16

C/O Inf.

(2) 27 PA Bn will remain in present location. It will fire intermittently into the eastern patch throughout the night. It will continue to support Co C, 6 Inf.

(3) Co C 6 Inf will continue the attack at dawn according to the discretion of the CO Co C, 6 Inf. In either case C Co will maintain continuous contact with the enemy.

(4) Co A 776 TD Bn will move the plat now north of Oued HUSMAD to its former area South of the Oued.

(5) Co D 16 Regt Bn will continue laying mines in the area T-7222 tonight.

(6) Res Co 13 AR - No change except that outguards will cover D Co 16 Regt Bn.

1725 One section receiving MG fire from unknown direction. Arty attempting to knock it out. Everything is going as well as can be expected. One eight casualty.

C/O C/O B

1822 Smith's unit 200 yds from objective. Attacking in three sides. Further advances held up by snipers and MG fire. Cannot move fwd or backward. Arty of no use as our own troops endangered. Advise us what to do.

C/O C/O B

1845 Above msg repeated to C-3.

Smith reports everything going well.

Inf requests lifting of arty fire hearing let objective. Gun positions T-7322A under fire by our arty. Gun positions from T-7821 - T-7921 firing on our tanks taken under arty fire.

1 AB C/O B

1618 Inf now 200 yds from initial obj. Arty now firing concentration to East of NM 522.

1 AB C/O B

1645 MG nest stops further advance. Smith sending arty fire. Will report outcome.

C/O C/O B

1700 Inf advance held up by MG nest in vicinity NM 522. Arty concentration now being placed on MG nests. Will notify of outcome.

1 AB C/O B

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7 April 43

VIA BARRASKEY

TIME
DATED
0708

MESSAGE

ORIGIN LINE
Tel to G-3
by Capt Kloss

- Reported by telephone to Div that G Co 6 Inf maintained contact with the enemy throughout the night and at daybreak placed mortar fire on known enemy MG positions. Arty fire harassed enemy in cactus patch during the night.
- 0830 Nothing further to report on G Co 6 Inf. Capt Hughes on his way here with all information which will be sent to Div as soon as received. Tel by Capt Kloss to Div.
- 1200 Rpt to this CP stone. O/S B 2/16
- 1045 Gen Robinson and Lt Col Russell left for Div on Div Comdr's request.
- 1305 Effective Apr 8 until Apr 15 the following is ground to ground recognition signal for armored vabs and vabs with radio marks stop two pennants one flown at top mast and one flown at half mast. Pennants flown only when vehicles in motion. O/S B All Units
- 1340 Additional minefields have been laid in following areas: At T-720230 SW for 500 yd w. At T-715196 NW for 800 yds. O/S B All Units
- ~~Penns will not withd raw tonight to usual night def ension positions until 1930 hrs~~ O/S B 2/13
- 1520 Capt Palmer 2/16 Engr was given instructions to close the gap by mines. Oral Russell to Palmer.
- 1525 At about 1000 hrs Capt Hughes supposedly representing G Co 6 Inf rptd to the CP that the company had this morning again launched an attack on the enemy vicinity BM 522 on DF MAKITA, further that Co C was again pinned down by MG and sniper fire. Capt Hughes was given the instructions to pass on to G Co 6 Inf to temporarily bypass any such strong point as that vicinity BM 522 and continue on mission. Oral Lt Col Russell
- 1535 About 1330 Lt Sneath, CO of Co C, 6 Inf rptd to the CP & stated that he had received orders via Capt Hughes which do not make sense; that in view of this and other incidents he had requested of his BA comdr that Capt Hughes be relieved. He further stated that the orders for last night which had been given to Capt Hughes were not delivered to him and that Capt Hughes had told him that he had made arrangements for water and rations to be delivered. Upon arriving at the CP he found that no such arrangements had been made. Lt Sneath rptd his situation and was given orders to carry on with his mission. Arrangements were made to get rations and water down immediately by Col Wreckhoff. Oral Lt Col Cairns
- 1540 Now was made of passes shown on map at T-5219, T-4111, T-4507, To Capt Palmer These passes were impassable for truck or wheeled v abs. The road going NW from T-4104 to T-3506 thence NW for 1 1/2 mi thence N across country to RIR EL HAFY - THIS ROAD RUD rd is passable. Rd thru pass at T-5240 is washed out. From Capt Co B

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7 Apr 69 **Via HAMASBY**

TIME

DATE

1630

MESSAGE

- (1) C Co 6 Inf will continue on its mission of seizing the DJ MAIKILA feature, the hills to the S thereof and attacking by fire enemy installations in the pass at T-7686.
- (2) E Bn 19 AR will close in area via T-6683 commencing at 1930 hrs. Prior to daylight it will move into battle positions as now occupied.
- (3) 27 FA Bn will close into area T-6819 after dark tonight. Prior to daylight it will have at least one Btry in position via T-7023. 27 FA will continue to support C Co 6 Inf and be prepared to fire on targets of opportunity in C/O B sector.
- (4) B Co 16 Ingr will close gap in minefield via T-7218 tonight. Commencing at 2000 hrs it will send a squad patrol from junction Queda ISHEMAD and SEWAK EL MEFGA along Queda Serrak. EL MEFGA as far North as the SINE BOW SIBERHito ascertain the presence of enemy vicinity of ruins in that area. Contact will be made with patrol of A Co 776 TD at starting point.
- (5) Co A 776 TD Bn will send a patrol to road in pass at T-7721 commencing at 2000 hrs from junction Queda SEWAK EL MEFGA and ISHEMAD to ascertain presence of enemy in that area.
- (6) Recon Co 19 A will continue to support C Co 6 Inf with assault guns and mortars.
- (7) ~~Enemy~~ ~~positions~~ ~~provided~~ ~~above~~. Other security measures no change.

ORIGIN **DIR**
C/O B 2/13, 2/19,
A/776,
MIA 2/16, 2/6.

- | | | |
|------|--|-------------------|
| 1730 | A squad from Co D 16 Ingr was attached to C Co 6 Inf at 1730 hrs. | Vbl fr Russell |
| 1830 | Very pistol signal identification. | C/O B C/6 Inf |
| 1845 | Meeting of unit comdrs at this CP, at 2100 hrs tonight. | C/O B All Units |
| 2040 | Confirming verbal orders CG, 27 FA Bn will not close tonight but will remain in present locations. One Btry will be prepared to fire on eastus patch and pass at T-7025. Two Btrys will be prepared to fire on mine area and pass at T-7919.
(2) 2 Bn 19 AR will move at once (-1 Co) to his area vicinity of T-6717. One Co will remain in present area. 2 Bn 19 AR (-1 Co) will remain in general area T-6717 tomorrow. Co remaining in present area will take up battle positions to the east along general line of vertical 70. | C/O B 2/13, 27 FA |
| 2050 | Troops will be alert to move on short notice tonight. At least one man will be awake on each vehicle. | C/O B All Units. |

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7 Apr 43
TIME DATED

Via MARIASSEY

MESSAGE

ORIGIN INDEX

2030

Numerous enemy troops forced to take to hills to south and east. Some may cross to friendly side. All units are cautioned to be on guard.

1 AD C/O B

Above message read to all unit commanders at 2200 hrs.

2245

Began operation. No hostile contact.

C/O C/O B

8 Apr 43

Effective daylight April 8, 1943, intensive patrolling by all elements in contact to determine changes in enemy dispositions and location of soft spots. All elements to be prepared to advance promptly and exploit any evidence of withdrawal if soft spots located.

1 AD C/O B

0816

Telephoned to Div: - Search is about 100 yds from BN 522. Several enemy MG's silenced but more MG's firing from NW. Assault guns of Ron Co 19th AR are supporting company. Enemy in contact patch now firing on company.

C/O B 1 AD (83)

0819

Telephoned to Div: - Patrol of 776th "A" Co went by the northern approach to pass at T 7919 where no enemy seen, heard or contacted. Several abandoned MG's and all trenches observed which obviously had been vacant for at least two days. Also seen were earth piled on top of ground to create impression from the air as being entrenchments.

C/O B 1 AD

0825

Send a patrol without delay into pass at T 7919. Suggested route: Quad Sarrak - Hill 771 - Hill A30 with the best communication you can provide. We are sending 1/2 mile wire with two phones and two SW 596's which can handle at least 1 1/2 miles. If you can report pass clear, one plt recon company 19th AR will move in vehicles into but not across the funds to your front at this time.

C/O B A/776

0900

From T 72030 running generally along a South West line to T 715215 there is a continuous mine field.

C/O B All Units

0950

Co A 776 TD Bn is sending a patrol into pass at T 7919. One FO 27 FA will be so placed that 27 FA Bn can place observed fire on targets which impede patrols progress or threaten to destroy it. If pass is found to be clear, 27 FA will send an FO to CP set up by this patrol without delay and Bn will commence FWD displacement in order that fire may be laid on targets east of pass. One plt Recon Co 19 AR will then move into the pass prepared to Ron to the East.

C/O B 27 FA

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8 APR 43 TIC MESSAGE

TIME
DATE
1000

MESSAGE

ORIGIN
C/6thREF
C/S B

1000 We advancing forward with both forces very steady Group on right getting strong MG fire from bench mark. Geyin knocked out one MG. Communications still good. Supporting units doing excellent.

1220 Eliminated another MG nest. Situation well in hand. We are pushing forward towards the objective.

1300 Forward elements sealing the objective.

1400 Via B-2 -- "C" Co 6th Inf has obtained its objective at 522 M.

1544 Am sending 13 Italian prisoners in immediately.

1630 Still holding main objective. Men are w/prisoners caught between MG fire from guns recently moved up from eastern E of my objective. Relieved my supporting units have knocked them out. Still holding prisoners. I will investigate my status at once with info from the 2nd Div. 20 enemy captured to be Italians seen fleeing from eastern face of my objective in direction of Dj Goueb.

1700 Same as above.

1718 First bunch of prisoners arrived, 11 men 1 officer. Second bunch 30 men 10 officers on way down. We think we are in complete occupation of entire objective. Mapping up operations continue.

1730 Same as above sent to Div.

2330 Mine fields will not be laid or lifted in your area except on Div order.

9 APR 43
0655 One platoon will remain on outpost duty supported by mortars. Balance of company will be assembled and rested vicinity of T 702B.

0730 Patrol operated in assigned area from 2130 hrs April 8 1943 to 0445 hrs April 9, '43. Everything quiet -- nothing to report.

0951 Fire will be placed on targets of opportunity however small throughout daylight today.

0952 Mark the route from T 4116 to T 4203 to T 2612 for night movement immediately.

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9 April 49 Vicinity MARIASSKY

TIME
DATED
0938

MESSAGE

ORIGIN

REF

0/G B

All Units

0/G B moves to vicinity of Bir el Hafei commencing at 2015 hrs tonight. Send billeting party to this CP at once. Plan Lebbaia cancelled. 60th CF (Rein) will take over Makassay sector.

1420

Assemble your company in present area after dark tonight. Orders on the way.

0/G B

0/6th

1430

Send engineers attached to you back to their company at once.

0/G B

0/6

2100

Closed old CP and left for vic Bir el Haffey.

10 Apr 49

Via BIR EL HAFEY

0615

Arrived at new CP.

0816

Combat troops this command will be closed by 0830.

0/G B

1 AD

0923

Maximum effort will be started today to bring maintenance to high state. Report to this HQ status of tanks and guns prior to noon today.

0/G B

All Units

0920

Alert 2 Bn 1st AR for immediate movement. It is released to 0/G A and will await orders in its present location.

1st AD

0/G B

0950

All units 0/G B closed in bivouac 0915 hrs.

0/G B

1 AD

1120

Air Ron Khireuan area -- fairly heavy traffic W at P 1590. Nothing seen at 0-0323. Nothing in vicinity 0-7913 on road B and SW of Khireuan. Nothing at U 5598. At U 3516 2 trucks moving NE. N and S road U 0345 empty. 8 trucks and MTR at P 1207 moving NE. At U 1590 several trucks moving in 150 yd intervals Khireuan - Fendouk roads at 0830 - 1100.

1 AD

0/G B

1300

Be prepared for movement at any time after dark tonight.

1 AD

0/G B

D Co 16th Engrs detached your command. Direct it to move at once and report to CO 16th Engrs 5767.

1 AD

0/G B

Your company detached from 0/G B. Move company at once and report to CO 16th Engrs at F 5767.

0/G B

D/16

1515

Ron reports no enemy in Faid Pass. Mines at T7751 to T 5144 - T7763 - T8151.

From S-2

1800

Alert your company to move on one-half hours notice any time after dark.

0/G B

R/13

1800

Alert your Bn less medium tank company to move on forty-five minutes notice any time after dark.

0/G B

1/13

1820

Send a Liaison Officer to report to S-3 this HQ at once.

0/G B

All units

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10 Apr 43 Via MR. H. HAYK

TIME
DATED
1939

MESSAGE

ORIGIN
1 AD
TYPE
O/G B

Confirming previous instructions all units your command must be ready to march at daylight tomorrow April 11th if so ordered.

2039 Discharge mag of 1800 hrs. Half-hour alert status begins at 0515 - 11 Apr.

11 Apr 43
0102

Effective 1200-11 April all gageable readings and overlays will be made on one cover 20000 map.

You will be prepared to move west on order after 0700 - 11th April. Send liaison officer to this HQ at 0700.

0830 Remain in present position today. Continue maintenance.

0930 Herring unforeseen events, O/G B will remain in present area today. Maximum effort will be exerted on maintenance, cleaning of arms and personal cleanliness. Progress check will be made prior to 1800.

1035 Move billeting officer report to Maj Long CR 75 267 at 1300 hrs.

1353 All personnel flown on radio masts of this command will be cut to the prescribed size, i.e., triangle 6 in by 6 in by 6 in.

1435 Gen Harman directs that Co C 47 Med Bn move to bivouac area 47 Med Bn this PM. Send liaison officer there immediately.

1745 8th Army in EL Ejem -- All south exits SW of Khirewan blocked by our troops. 8th Army front lines generally extend from Khirewan to EL Ejem - 54th Div holds high ground Eastern Dorsale and is in contact with 8th Army.

2115 All vehicles will be fully unloaded, cleaned out and repaired tomorrow after movement.

2000 Your command will move tomorrow April 12 commencing at 0800 hrs at area that was run today by your advance parties. 68 FA proceeds clear point F 4246 by 0800 hrs.

2205 Your command will move tomorrow to area run today by your advance party. Your column will be clear of point F 4246 by 0800 hrs.

2030 You will dispatch one officer or NCO per unit to report to CR 16 Regt F 5745 to designate points of entry to bivouac areas as that road shoulders may be swept of mines. Report at 0700 hrs.

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12 April 43

TIME
DATE

MESSAGE

GRADE RMR

	Left CP for new area 0800 hrs. Closed in CP T 5345 at 1000 hrs.		
1110	Report to Col Cairns this CP at once.	C/O B	Rmr/13
1350	Two anti-personnel mines have been struck in the 13 AB area. Request Engr assistance.	C/O B	1 AD
1602	Each Rm Co has one mine detector per Rm Plat Units possessing detectors will be responsible for sweeping their own bivouac areas. Instruc- tions in the use of detectors are available on call to the Div Engr.	1 AD	C/O B
1640	Each Rm will appoint a Rm mine and beehy trap officer. He will report to CG 16th Engr Rm at 0800 hrs 13 April at T-5765 for one days in- st ruction in removal of mines and b cohy traps. Officers will bring boyants and mess kits.	1 AD	C/O B
1650	There will be an assembly of all officers off the Division at the Div CP at 1830 on 13 Apr Number of vehicles transporting officers will be kept to a minimum.	1 AD	C/O B
2020	Possible minefields at T-1669 to North end at that point possible with difficulty.	1 AD	C/O B
2145	Same message above to all units C/O B.		
13 Apr 43 0800	Today and tomorrow will be utilized in an all out effort at rehabilitation and maintenance in preparation for a long march to combat. This will include baths, shaves, laundry, interior police and repacking vehicles and replacing of defective equipment, etc.	C/O B	All units
0900	All units will police present areas for salvage material at once in order to avoid necessity of doing so at a later date.	1 AD	C/O B
0900	Same as above to all units C/O B.		
14 April 43			
1150	There will be a conference on Engr Minefield sapping drill in the area of the 27 FA Rm at 1800 hrs today. Attendance: Regt, Rm and Co commanders of tactical organizations also ph- toon leaders of rme units.	C/O B C/Engr	2/13.776. C/81.87.
1600	You will report to CG 1 AD at Div CP (To C/O B C/O A, all regt commanders and Rm commanders) (from CG 1st AD) at 0800 hrs 15 Apr 43.		

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14 Apr 43
TDM
M122

MESSAGE
Capt Frankel will give an intelligence lecture
in unit areas as follows:

ORIGIN
G/O B
RESP.
Units
Concerned.

0800 15 Apr: 2 Bn 13
0930 15 Apr: Res/13th
1100 15 Apr: 1 Bn 13

0800 16 Apr: 3 Bn 13
0930 16 Apr: G/16 Reg
1100 16 Apr: G/81 Reg

1300 16 Apr: 776 TB Bn
1130 16 Apr: G/6 Inf
1600 16 Apr: 27 TA Bn

All officers and NCO's will attend at discretion of unit CO's.

15 Apr 43
0725

The meeting scheduled for 0800 at 1 AB is postponed
until 1900.

G/O B 776 TB

0815

Message You will have 2 platoons complete meet with Maj
Long to receive instructions in traffic control in
your area.

G/O B G/16 Reg

0827

How long 1st AB will move from this area April 17
Further details later.

1 AB G/O B

0915

Above message to all units.

1925

The CO desires your presence at a ceremony this
HQ 1900 hrs 16 April. Uniforms CO under arms.

G/O B 776 TB
G/6 Inf

16 Apr 43

0725

From April 15 to 22 ground-to-ground recognition
pennants will be flown; one at half mast.

G/O B All units

1140

Msg of 0725 this HQ should read two pennants
flown at half mast -- not one.

G/O B All units

1210

Request that a camouflage officer from the
British 1st Army who has had experience in the
sector we are about to engage be temporarily
attached to this command as an advisor on proper
camouflage for all of our vehicles.

G/O B 1st AB

1425

Relicting parties on a basis of at least 1 off
and 2 HQ per Bn and each separate Co will report
to Capt Elson G-3 Sect at 0725 hrs 17 Apr. They
will be prepared to remain away from their units
for two or three days.

G/O B All units

2115

The 13th AR will fire tank guns in vicinity of
T 6546 from 0900 hrs all day 17 April

G/O B All units
1 AB

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17 Apr 43

TIME
INDEX
0730

MESSAGE

THRESH HOLD

Maj phoned from Div. - Gen Harman will talk to all officers of Mq C/O B, 13th A², 16th Regt Bn, in the 13th AB area at 1345 hrs today. Units concerned above were notified by phone at 0735 hrs.

1135 Tank transporters from outside division are expected to commence arriving at CR T 1266 at dawn tomorrow. C/O B 13: 776

All these transporters except 6 light ones are allocated to 776 TD Bn. In absence of further instructions, 13 AB and 776 TD Bn will have guides at CR T-5266 commencing at dawn tomorrow to conduct transporters to respective areas. 776 TD Bn is allotted the lot 6 light transporters to arrive at CR. M-348 expected 17 light 127 heavy.

1930 Complete radio silence including FM will be observed by all units except C/O A upon departure from this area. 1 AB C/O B

18 Apr 43

0835 Your command must be preceded by an officer acquainted with details of march to coordinate with British Traffic Control parties otherwise there may be delay. 1 AB C/O B

1130 91 FA ordered to start moving M-7's by infiltration to transport or loading area 6 mi west of Shella. Col Col Russell

1245 There will be a unit commanders meeting at 1830 tonight. C/O B All units

1540 776 ordered to move M-10 to transport loading area 6 mi west of Shella. Col Col Russell

1545 Col Russell sent 13 Scouts to M7 and 65 FA to have their tanks brought to the area.

1815 Send 6 light tanks to area 1, send 4 med 9 M-10's to area 2. Effective now. C/O B 776 TD

19 Apr 43

GP closed 0430 enroute to new area via Lo Hdf. Shella - 0530 hrs.
Shiba - 0715 hrs.
Rohin - 0750 hrs.
Halt at 51.7 from 8:15 - 0900 due to traffic.
Show 1000 - 68 miles
Edna Kover 8250 - 72 miles
Arrived new GP 1214 hrs via N 2264 - 08.5 mi

1830 New location Div GP, 10 miles east of Tabarka on Tabarka - RJ Adled Road. 1 AB C/O B

1335 91st FA Bn closed in bivouac 1345
M/Signal closed 1.5 mile left side of rd from GP 0430 hrs
A/47 Hdf Bn closed into bivouac 1348.

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19 Apr 43

TIME
DATE
1630

MESSAGE

ORIGIN
C/O B
DISTR
ALL Units

This command may move at 2100 tonight. There will be a unit CP's meeting this NQ at 1900 hrs.

1830

Rev. billeting parties rpt to this CP at once.

C/O B1 All Units

2110

25 transporters of 2622 th transporter Co after completion of move of 1 US Army Div will report to CO 5th Ord Bn Maint. at Railway station De Tams near Ouled Rahmon.

10 Army C/US
Op

2800

You will report to CO 5th Ord Bn Maint at RR station de Tams near Ouled Rahmon after completion of present duty.

C/O B 2622 Th
Transpr

CP closed 1130 enroute to new area.

20 Apr 43

0545

Commanding General directs that you move your command early on morning 20 April to new bivouac area west of Souk el Arba.

1 AD C/O B

0800

Have CO 1st Bn 13 AH report to Gen Harmon at Muehar (6-8 mi E of Beja) at 1800 hrs 20 Apr for conference re future use of 1st Bn. He should take billeting officer with him.

C/O B Co 13

CP closed new area N 5004 at 0700 - 43 mi

0640

For remainder of day units will perform maintenance of vehicles and cleaning of arms. Troops will be given maximum amount of rest in preparation for continuation of march.

C/O B All units

1213

776 TD Bn closed 1213.

1647

Send Ben party to CO 13th FA Brig at Muehar (7 5041) at 1800 hrs today. CP near CP 1st US Inf Div. He will move tomorrow to positions NE Beja. Orders later.

C/O B CO 91st

1545

Met at Medina. Suggest you send guides for 2/13 and 3/13 and Co 4/13 so they can locate tanks prior to dark. Also send guides for 776. No rty or lights in as yet.

10 Beale Capt K

1610

Send officer guides to N 5302 to contact 10 Beale this NQ. They will lead truck 210's to area.

C/US 776

1615

1. Arabs will be kept out of bivouac areas. They may use the main roads through the area but will be kept moving. 2. Olive trees in bivouac areas will not be cut or otherwise damaged. 3. All personnel will stay out of wheat fields.

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20 April 49

MESSAGE

ORIGIN DESP

TIDE
RCSM
1775

The 91 FA Bn AA carriers will have first priority on your communique facilities until their departure. The 91 FA will contact you.

C/O B; R/Unit

1830

Verbal to Capt Council from Capt Klous: Have officer guides report to Lt Seale at Tank Transporter Unloading area (N-2500) to load tanks back to 3rd Bn 13 AR area.

1915

Verbal to Col MacPherson: Have officer guides report to Lt Seale at tank transporter unloading area (N-2500).

1900

1st Armd Div GR now located at N-0941. Rpt N-0961.

1 AD C/O B

2300

Your msg out of 2235 at 2300 hrs.

00 13 AR C/O B

2300

Spec (1) 3rd Flt this Bq is attached to 1 Bn 13 AR per instructions.
(2) Msg ack.

Capt Klous C/O B
C/16

2220

1 plt your comd is atnd to 1 Bn 13 AR effective at once. Establish liaison with Bn prior to 0800 hrs Apr 21. Flt will move with 1 Bn 13 AR pursuant to FO #12, of this HQ 20 Apr. Ask.

C/O B C/16

2225

1 Flt Co C 16 Regt Bn is atnd to 1 Bn 13 AR effective at once. Flt will establish liaison with Bn prior to 0800 hrs 21 Apr.

00 13 C/O B

Non personnel not to exceed one pop load per the 2nd and 3rd Bns and Reg Co 13 AR will accompany the CG to a conference with General Harman at 0630 21 Apr. They will have an opportunity to see routes which may be used in probable future employment of their units. Party will leave CG C/O B at 0630. Ask.

C/O B 00 13

21 Apr. 49. SHARDIMACU

0645

Unit Comdr meeting 0830 hrs today.

C/O B All Units

1000

There will be no anti-aircraft firing at night while in this area.

C/O B All Units

1000

As there are no stores, cafes, or places of interest in SHARDIMACU and further it has been reported by the Comm Mayer that US troops have postured and frightened local inhabitants by knocking on doors and asking for wine the Comm of SHARDIMACU is hereby placed out of bounds to all troops.

C/O B All Units

1045

All roads will be kept completely out of div areas. This includes roads passing thru div areas.

C/O B All Units

1537

Billeting officers will report to Capt Klous at 8-3 tent C/O B at 0500 hrs tomorrow April 22.

C/O B All Units

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21 April 43 **SEARCHING**

TIME
ENTER
1442

MESSAGE
There will be a meeting of centers down to and including separate cos tonight at this CP at 1900 hrs.

ORIGIN **TYPE**
G/O B All Units

1900 1 Bn 13 A, and 1 Pls Co G 16 Reg and 91 FA Bn do-
tacked fr G/O B and moved to area NW Boja. 1/13 staked
to 1st Inf Div. 91 FA staked to 13 FA Brig.

22 April 43 **Marche (Souk El Arba, Souk El Khemis, N.E. Boja).**

0630 **Msg:** Ltr Gen Harman
Ltr Gen Anderson
Ltr Gen Alexander

1 AD G/O B

0630 **Msg:** FO 22, 1 AD
CP Home No 37, II Corps
Air Support
1400 hrs El Agr
Atchd CP Home II Copy for your info. Disposition of
tunnels not yet known. Wilder.

0915 Halts during today's march will be for 10 min at 1400
hrs, 1600, 1800, 2000 and 2200 hrs.

G/O B All Units

G/O B will use main road SOUK EL ARBA - SOUK EL KHEMIS
and will not move via CR at N-2615 and CR N-2125.

G/O B

Above msg to all Units.

Left CP at 1140, Souk El Arba 23.9 mi 1305 hrs,
Souk El Khemis 37.5 mi. 1350 hrs.

NE NEZA

Closed in new area NE of Boja via 2848 at 1530 hrs.
Dist. 61 mi.

G/16 Reg closed 1530.

1730 This unit closed into Div at 1745 hrs.

A/N G/O B

1905 Ground to ground recognition signal from 23 to 30
Agr is one pennant flown top of mast. While in this
present biv area no pennants will be flown. Upon
moving pennants will be flown.

2100 Bn closed at 1815 hrs. CP at 275466.

776 G/O B

2100 CO report to this CP at once.

G/O B R/Min

2050 The CO would like to see all officers who conducted
run at Div CP 23 Agr at 0800 hrs. Information should
be on map or overlay form.

1 AD G/O B

2050 There is some danger that the German may counter-
attack in the zone north of the 1st Inf Div which is
halfly patrolled only of the 91 Reg Bn. I refer to
the zone between 33660 - 33772. I have had patrols
run for routes. They have not returned. Ready
possible emergency employment in case a call comes in
for G/O B to meet such an attack in flank. At 0800 I will
have a conference at CP which you and your unit CO's will
attend.

1 AD G/O B

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22 APR 43 HQ HQZA

TIME
MTCR
2130

MESSAGE

ORIGIN
G/O B

DEST
All Units

There will be a meetg at the Div CP at 0600 hrs APR 23 of all officers who make a run today. Information obtained from reconnaissance should be on a map or overlay. Unit Comdrs will also attend. Meeting place G-3 Tent.

2220 Location our CP 2947. 13 AR G/O B

2245 All this-armed vcls will have sandbags on floor before moving out on any mission.

2255 Have 2 & 3 Bn and Recon Co send Recon party to run routes for possible counter-attack of any enemy thrust to W or SW from line 25640 - 25772. This line at present is covered by patrols of 91 Recon Bn. Route to above areas will most probably be thru pass 25250 - 25455. British report mines in area 2548250 - 2558255. No knowledge of any other mines in this area. Contact 91 Recon Bn vicinity 25930 and 91 Recon Bn 26727(-) for additional information. G/16 Engr will also have recon party in this area with mine detectors.

2320 Send recon party with mine detectors to main route run to W and SW from pass at 25930 on far W of horizontal and 267 and N to about grid 255. Contact 91 Recon Bn vicinity 25430 and 16 Engr Bn via 25427 for any info they may have on this area. Brit reports mines in area 2548250 - 2558255. No knowledge of other mines in this area. 91 Recon Bn has patrols in this area. 13 AR has recon parties in this area run for routes to counter-attack any enemy thrust to W or SW from line 25640 - 25772. Pay particular attention to crossings of stream GURD BAKHAT.

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1200 Col Dushay says that Mint Bn was furnished with enough cement to make six sets of rolls. He suggests that you check with B Co of Mint Bn. Contact Col Dushay at Fuzyle if the above above says is incorrect. Lt Walker G/O B

0100 Serv Co closed in Div 0600 hrs. Ser Co G/O B

0130 Regt closed in at 0100 hrs. 13 AR G/O B

0105 OK to send General's tank up by 0600 hrs as you suggested. Walker G/O B

0450 Those who are attending meeting at Div HQ this morning will meet Gen Robinson at 0735 hrs at OR 2-2947 and proceed to Div HQ with off run to the N will return by 1500 hrs. G/O B All Units

0725 Party had already left for Div HQ when your msg of 0450 hrs arrived. 13 G/O B

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TO AFRILAS REBILAS

**TIME
DATE
CLASS**

MESSAGE

**ORIGIN
G/O B 13 A**

Ext locations of reg 2nd and 3rd Bns.

Unit and separate organization centers will meet at this CP 1900 hrs tonight 25 Apr.

G/O B All Units

Map Template 961130537 - 0 - 0.

1735 Maj. Clay directs one Sig Co 193 Sig Center be placed in Div Air Request not to maintain listening watch till Radio Silence is lifted, thereafter to work in ANU net and add one 193 net cannot be furnished. Div Sig O Cpt Mason

2050 Telephone call from C of S: Gen Robinett and a Rn CO (bank) report at Div CP at once Rn alerted to move tonight.

2059 Phoned to Regtl Hq 13 AB: Have Col Crookby meet Gen Robinett at entrance to 3 Rn biv area entrance to go to Div CP. Alert 3rd Rn to move tonight.

2225 Alert one plt for movement tonight. Have Plt leader report to this CP at once.

G/O B 0/16

Alert Hq G/O B. 1 Plt of G Co 16 Regt 3 Rn 13 B with Serv and Maint Sections for movement tonight.

**1 A^U G/O B
Tel to Col Russell**

On Apr 23 a friendly plane was shot down by allied troops near the sector of the 1st Inf Div. While preliminary investigation indicated this was not done by II Corps troops, it is directed that as a precautionary measure the attention of all personnel of your command be brought immediately to existing Corps orders which forbid firing on planes unless plane emits a hostile act or is positively identified as enemy.

Send Liaison off to this CP at once with information as to time Rn moves and clears biv area.

G/O B 3/13

0008 Situation quiet here. Continue plans and reconnoiter for Situation A.

G/O B 19.776

RE AFRILAS 7-3054

CP closed 0130 and marched to new area via 7-3054. 9.8 mi.

0015 Hq G/O B moving on new mission to vic 7-3055. 3 Rn reinf w/normal serv and maint elements moves to same area as part of G/O B 13 A^U (-2 Bns) come and or Div control in present location. Maintain listening watch on comm 1 AB Comd Net. Sent 10 to 1 AB.
~~XX~~
G/O B moves tonight to counter any enemy thrust to your left flank. G/O B is without arty support.

G/O B 13

0025 Request FO fr your arty to this comm in order to furnish arty suppt from your arty if needed.

G/O B 26 OF

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MESSAGE

ORIGIN
C/O B

INDEX
776 TB

- 0031 Disregard last msg re: reporting under Div control. Return LG to this HQ, CP C/O B closes present location at 0130 and opens 13055 at 0230.
- 0040 Disregard msg 0031. CP C/O B closes present location 0130 hrs then enroute via RF 3305475 to vicinity J 3055. Opens J 3055 at 0230 hrs. Send LG to CP C/O B at once. Maintain listening watch in Div Comd Net.
- 2400 HQ C/O B moves out on new mission. Your Bn remains present location. Send LG to CP 1 AB. You are under control 1 AB.
- 0330 CP closed in area of 0230. CP located at J3054. C/O B All Units
- 0330 3 F12 G/Do 16 Regr 23154.
- 0330 Unit Comdr meeting at 0330. (Oral Col Cairns to Capt Moran).
- 1645 Rpt to this CP at 0700 hrs 25 Apr for unit CO meeting. Bring rpts of all run made on 24 and 25 Apr if not already submitted. You will also attend Unit CO meeting at 1 AB at 0800 hrs. All troops remain present area tonight. C/O B 3/19
- 1640 The following officers will report to HQ C/O B at 0700 hrs Apr 25. COM 13 AB, RM 13 AB, 1302. Bring rpts of run made on 24 and 25 Apr if not already submitted. Above officers will also attend Unit CO meeting at 1 AB at 0800 hrs. All troops remain present area tonight. C/O B 19 AB
- 1650 Rpt to this CP at 0700 hrs 25 Apr for unit CO meeting. Bring reports of all run made on 24, 25 Apr etc. (same as two above msgs). C/O B 776.0/16, 7/19, 2/6
- 1650 No units of this comd fired on any aircraft yesterday. CO 13 C/O B
- 25 APR 43 (Bomber Sunday)
- 1330 7 aircraft mislocated via J 3055. There may be others in this area. Warn all personnel. 1 AB
- 1500 Above msg to all units.
- 1925 Your CO loses 1 F12 now dot with 1 Bn 13 AB is temporarily rel'd from assigned to C/O B. You will rpt to CO 16 Regr Bn w/o delay. A member of this B-3 section will contact you later re: joining C/O B column. Ask. C/O B 0/16
- 2142 Ask msg of 1925 by 16 Regr Co G. Via phone from msg center.

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TIME

MESSAGE

0725

Alert your command to be prepared to move within one hour.

ORIGIN

1 AD

DISP

O/U B

0740

Alert your company to be prepared to move on one hours notice.

O/U B

Reg/13

0740

Alert your company to be prepared to move on three hours notice.

O/U B

CO Maint Co

0740

Alert your Bn to be prepared to move on 2 hrs notice.

O/U B

0/16

0740

Alert your Bn to be prepared to move on 2 hrs notice. Your com plt be prepared to move on 1 hrs notice.

O/U B

776

0740

Alert your Bn to be prepared to move on 1 hrs notice.

O/U B

2/13

0745

Your regiment is alerted to be prepared to move on following notice:

O/U B

13 AR

One Hour

Reg Co 13

2 Bn 13

3 Bn 13

Two Hours

Maint Co 13

Hq Co 13

0745

Alert your command to be prepared to move on one hours notice.

O/U B

Hq Det CGR

0915

Alert Combat Train to be prepared to move on three hrs notice.

O/U B

Sec Co/13

1110

Meeting of all unit comdrs including Bn and Sep Cos, CO of 13 AR at this Bn at 1830 hrs today.

O/U B

All Units

1100

Telephone call from Div G-3; Reg Co 1 AR reverts to Div control at once and will return to original area on edge of trains. An officer representative will ryt immediately to Div Hq.

O/U B

Curtiss to Kless

Ground to ground recon to incl 30 April - one sep.

1 AD

2104

You will not fire assault guns on mine until further orders.

O/U B

2/6,3/13

27 APR 43

J-3247

0830

OP now at J-3247.

1130

2 Bn 6 Inf alerted to move on Div orders.

1 AD

O/U B

1230

2 Bn 6 Inf alerted to move on Div orders.

1 AD

O/U B

1230

Div does not have positions of Bns of 6 Inf.

LO 1 AD

O/U B

Lt Walker.

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27 APR 43 3-3287

TIME
DATE
1150

MESSAGE

ORIGIN
1 AB
DIR
O/O B

1150	2 M 6 Inf det your comd will move at once on route via OGD HANNA and BROADWAY to assembly area of O/O A where it passes to control of O/O A. It will clear present bivouac area not later than 1500 hrs and preferably much sooner. Have an ord liaison officer to this HQ for details.	1 AB	O/O B
1315	6 Inf passes IP at 1315	6 Inf	O/O B
1435	Ground vehicle identification flag position. One pennant top of mast till 30 Apr final will be flown.	O/O A	All Units
1507	Riv guides of each bn and sup co escort Sur Co run routes to assembly areas and as far as line XX.	O/O B	13
1517	Send billiting officer to 9B-3346 at once. He will meet Capt Elson and be shown biv area.	O/O B	Sur Co 13
1520	Riv guides recon routes to assembly areas and as far as line XX.	O/O B	O/16, 776
1717	House H is 2024 for West Column stop. H is 2015 for East column. D is 27 April.	O/O B	Hq 13, 2/13, 2/13, 2/13, 2/13, 776, 776, 776, 776, 776, 776
1745	All vehicles not essential to combat will be left in present area. Their location and numb or will be reported immediately to Riv Trains Comdr, and will be moved upon his order.	Oral Maj Wilder	B-3
1805	You will infiltrate to report to the IP taking care not to by-pass combat trains.	O/O B	2/13
1830	Ask msg of 1717 at 1818 13 A ¹ , 2-4448 CP closed at 2115. Arrived new CP 11A5 - 14.0 mi. 2-4448.	13	O/O B
	Above to 1 A ¹ and all units.		
	Closed in Riv 2800.	O/26	O/O B
0045	CP closed 0045 N Column.	O/O B	1 AB
	State location of your CP.	O/O B	O/16
2340	Closed in biv at 2315. One vehicle and Maint out. CP now at 2455497. Shall I report to your CP.	2/13	O/O B

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0015

Re: your msg 2940 answer is NO.

MESSAGE

ORIGIN
O/O BDISP
3/13 AR

0125

Rpt location of your CP.

O/O B

R/13 AR

0045

Closed in biv nt 0090 with combat teams.

00-13

O/O B

2205

Closed in biv 2200

2 Bn 13 A closed 0045 (officer)

0137

Request our ln off to rpt to his CP with sitrep.

3/13

O/O B

0210

We have closed CP at 460530

R/13

O/O B

0200

Rn closed 0150

776

O/O B

Rpt location of your CP

O/O B

776

0250

East Column closed 0150

O/O B

1 AD

0305

By CP now located at J-4851

O/16

O/O B

0120

Have you closed, where is your CP?

O/O B

R/13

0620

Biv areas are too crowded. Vabs will be more dispersed. Every man will have a slit trench.

O/O B

All Units

0720

Have Lt Barker rpt to Gen R at once.

O/O B

O/16

0750

Execute max run on both routes. Ask.

1 AD

O/O B

No part of TD 426 will be placed in effect until
H hour. Ask.

1 AD

O/O B

0750

CP now at J-45464

776 TD

O/O B

0640

OO O/O B would like to see OO #7 FA Bn sometime

O/O B

O/O A

0800

Ask msg of 0730.

O/O B

1 AD

0800

Execute max run along your axis

O/O B

7/13, 2/3
Mes. 776
TD, 0/16.

1145

Comply at once with TM #26 this HQ and submit a
schedule for the schools to be held.

O/O B

Res/13

1400

There will be a meeting of Bn, Sep Cos Comdrs at
1630 hrs today.

O/O B

776 TD

1530

Alert your Bn for movement. Details will follow.

O/O B

776 TD

1531

Alert your Bn for movement. Details will follow.

O/O B

3/13

1545

Alert 3/13 and 776 T for movement

O/S to Capt Elson

1528

Make a route run of road north of Dj SIDI MUSTAN
for maps to northwest of Dj SIDI MUSTAN.

O/S to Capt Elson

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20 APR 43 12448

**TDR
MATER
1530**

MESSAGE

**ORIGIN DEST
G/O B 776 TD
Col G B**

Run SW line of M-usetrap for anti-tank positions. Move into positions as soon as possible. Run routes SW of DV SIDI MUFFAN, for move to northwest of SIDI MUFFAN.

1540

Alert your Bn. Be prepared to move down into m-usetrap to counter a thrust made down east side of the valley. Make a run of routes north of DV MUFFAN.

CG Vbl 2/13

1555

Fifty tanks rtyd at 1544. Also enemy AT J-5051 and J 5748.

Vbl from Gen Robinson

1605

As soon as PU completed with two columns and routes laid out Maj Miller. Div FM requests a copy of the order.

Miller Telephone from Maj to Capt Hixon.

1610

Your Bn alerted. Be prepared to counter-attack any enemy thrust made down west side of the valley. Make a run of routes N of DV MUFFAN.

Vbl order to CG 3/13

1615

I Pit of your co will run the routes SW of DV MUFFAN for movement of all types of vehicles along that route.

Vbl order to CG Run

1700

Tank Bn de-alerted (2/13, 3/13 AR). 776 TD Bn will remain in hull of own positions they were ordered to take.

Telephone Col Dewey to Col Russell.

1710

Above msg given vbl to 2/13, 3/13 and 776 TD Bn.

1730

When Bn goes into hull down anti-tank position liaison will be established with 90mm gun emplacements in the valley.

Vbl S-3 to Ex Off of 776 TD Bn

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1945**

C of B called Gen Robinson and stated the CG 1 AB felt that there was a possibility of an enemy thrust down the m-usetrap. If this occurred G/O B would be responsible for the successful counter-attack and destruction of the enemy.

2051

Blackout discipline will be enforced at once.

1 AB G/O B

2110

Same msg as above to all units.

1545

Report to this CP at once.

G/O B CG 776

**30 APR 43
0807**

Attack by 20 ME 109 height 3000 ft 3 mi N of our location. Last seen headed east.

3/13 G/O B

0710

Man from this co rtyd enemy snipers firing generally from North on same train this side of Co G water point.

G/16 G/O B

0945

Report to CP at once.

G/O B G/16 Hager

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1 MAY 43 East of FORTROUSETIME
DATE
0645**MESSAGE**

Unit and Separate Comms meeting at 0700 hrs.

ORIGIN
O/C B**REF.**
All Units**2 MAY 43**

0710

Submit a written report at once giving by name all men who fired at the two P-51 airplanes yesterday May 1 at approximately 0745 hrs. The following officers will attend a meeting at CP 1-AD at 1400 hrs today. They will report to Gen Robinson at CP 1 AD at 1350 hrs; Col Benson, Lt Col Gardiner, Lt Col Crosby, Lt Col Barney. Ask this msg, as soon as officers have been notified.

O/C B

77610/16
HQ: M/13
M/13 AD.

1337

Remove all O/C B signs east of this CP.

O/C B

O/16 Regt

1550

At 1530 hrs 6 enemy tanks reported stationary at J-555556. At 1530 hrs, 10 to 12 enemy tanks reported stationary at J-5560.

O/C B

All Units

2005

Effective at once the pennant procedure of ground to ground recognition of armored vehicles and vehicles with radio masts will be abolished.

1 AD

O/C B

2015

Above message to all units.

O/C B

All Units

2045

One hundred unidentified vehicles have been reported in vicinity of J-6960 by 1st Inf Div. Your command will be ready to move by 0500 hrs. No parties will not go out until further word received from this HQ.

O/C B

All units
Units**1 MAY 43**

Be prepared to move on hours notice. (0710)

O/C B

All Units

1030

Gen Hanson called and ordered to move.

1045

2nd Bn 13th ordered to move as soon as possible.

O/C B

2/13

1100

Move one Btry to vicinity of J 5337 in rear of Hill #213 at once.

O/C B

27 YA

1105

Mission of O/C B is to capture and secure Mtour. A combat team of infantry will relieve O/C B when mission accomplished.

1 AD

O/C B

1130

Run in Mtour. 9 Div has Ctn N of Mtour.

O/C B

2/13

1159

Co "C" 16th Engrs will proceed with all possible speed to Mtour to assist in constructing crossings at that point. Engrs will have priority on all roads to Mtour.

O/C B

All Units

1320

61 Men patrolling N & E of Mtour on Gen. Missions. O/C B have been changed to cover area to E as far as high ground between Chauqui Pass and W-E road through Mtour.

O/C B

All Units

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3 MAY 43

TIME
DATED
1235

MESSAGE

ORIGIN
REF

1100 to 1400 hrs today, P-51s will be in II Corps area. Warn all AA crews and troops.

TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	REF
1410	Have Bn displace at once and Col Wrockloff to meet Gen Robinson at Riley Street.	G/O B	27 YA
1420	Heavy artillery fire on CR 569596.	Alarm	G/O B
1600	We are on 2nd Base. Night unit has been receiving HE Arty fire. They are swinging North.	R/13	G/O B
1640	Heavy enemy arty coming from hill east of Tine. Have Ron try to locate position.	Alarm	G/O B
1715	Request one Bn Infantry in addition to one already assigned in order to accomplish mission. C.O. to report immediately for instructions.	G/O B	1 AD
1750	End of column has reached line AA. 1750 hrs.	776 TD	G/O B
	End of JVI has reached line AA 1800.	G/O B	1 AD
1822	End of column has passed line XI at 1815.	776 TD	G/O B
	JVI has passed line XI at 1815.	G/O B	1 AD
1818	Directed CP enroute towards MATEN.		
	CP: 578722		
1830	Opened in new CP J 578722 - 20.5 miles CP now at 578722.	G/O B G/O B	1 AD All Units
1940	Cover roads leading west and southwest of Mateur by tanks. Have tanks in team covering exits toward the East. As soon as you get your command located and settled send me an overlay of disposition. I feel we have pushed fast and well considering traffic, etc. Watch 62-52 vicinity until I can get Carr up.	1 AD	G/O B
2140	You will secure and defend Mateur. One Co tanks will be attached to you. Tanks will be used to cover Rds from west, southwest and east (Orders Div CO) and elsewhere as you see fit. Expect arty fire on you tomorrow.	G/O B	1/6 Inf
2200	The following air missions are requested for 4 May: Ron of Mateur to Ferryville Road, Siben Nasoum to Tinejar to CR J-670075 to Mateur. Road Ferryville to Dj Mileda Road. Bombardment of bridges at J-660-935 and J-665936 and known gun positions J-660935 and J-690765.	G/O B	1 AD
1625	Our fed trps are receiving heavy arty fire. They have had to displace somewhat. They will try to get into position of crossing mentioned in your last msg.	G/O B	2/13

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	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DIR
0510	FO requested last night never arrived. Request that he be sent here at once.	1/6	O/O B
0520	FO on way.	O/O B	1/6
	Push Men at daylight along axis Mateur - Ferryville Rd. Axis Rd Mateur J-6530 and axis Mateur J-6676. Mission to give estimate of enemy on high ground along general NS 65 line. Report crossing over Quad North of Mateur, East of Mateur and over Quad Eab Chair southeast of Mateur. Report as early as possible.	1 AD	O/O B
0645	We are overlooking objective and are drawing heavy arty fire which we cannot locate. At 0601 hrs a bombing attack by four HE 109's on bridge at J-592766.	2/13	O/O B
0685	HE Arty shells landing 1000 yds NW of our bivouac area -- 1400 yds dead end of Riley St.	Serv Co	O/O B
0693	Request landing of forward elements.	1 AD	
0825	Request air cover this area especially at J-592766. A recon in force should detect enemy strong points. Pinpoint targets on this will follow.	O/O B	1 AD
0830	Men and veh in small group moving east through pass at 6967.	2/13	O/O B
1102	Request bombing mission on AF guns and Arty N & S of RF at J 693785 also on AF guns covering Minefield at J-641065. Ask and confirm mission.	O/O B	1 AD
1150	8 HE 109's Divebombed one mile north of this CP. Last seen headed northeast.	3/13	O/O B
1530	1st Bn 13 AR relieves O/O B of responsibility for protection of Div right flank as soon as relief can be effected. CO 1st Bn 13 AR has been directed to contact your 2nd Bn and effect relief.	1 AD	O/O B
1550	1st Bn 13 AR will take over your present duties CO or his representative will contact you now and how to effect relief. Stay where you are until dark. Send billeting officers to HQ O/O B at once for instructions as to where your battalion will go tonight.	O/OB	2/13

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AIR MAIL
TIME
DATE

MESSAGE

ORIGIN **DISTR**

1708	Our forward elements generally on line 25368354 to P89 to J86 to D89 to DE7. Our Rm held up along this line by arty fire. Heavy inf and arty in hills. Entire hill mass east of Hntour Inf and arty. We are observing, punking and directing fire. More later.	81 Rm	O/C B
1705	Have 2nd Bn 13 A ^M reconnoiter for assembly area and positions W of boundary between 1 AD and 1 Inf Div. Rm will not move except on orders from 1 AD.	1 AD	O/C B
1725	Msg of 1530 re: relief of 2nd Bn 13 AR by 1st Bn 13 AR is received. 2nd Bn 13 AR will remain on present mission but make rsn ordered by msg of 1705.	1 AD	O/C B
	Same as above to 2/13.		
1745	Bridge at 653857 believed blown, also bridge 300 yds NE of above location blown.	81 Rm	O/C B
1830	You will not attempt to seize the Dj Messert - line feature tonight. However you will send rsn patrols to rsn approaches to that high ground on as broad a front as possible consistent with the situation and your present mission. Limit of rsn; forward (west) slopes of the Dj Messert line feature.	O/C B	1/6
1845	Co "A" released to your control when 2nd Bn 13th moves to this area at dark.	O/C B	774 TB
1845	Plt now with 2.13 released to you when 2/13 moves to this area at dark tonight.	O/C B	1/6
1855	Forward elements of 81st Rm Bn on general line 25368354 to P89 to J86 to D89 to DE7 and being held up by heavy arty fire.	O/C B	1 AD
1950	2 Bn 13 A ^M is released to O/C B with no strings. However O/C B is still responsible for protecting right south flank of the div isen and of maintaining contact with friendly troops on our right.	1 AD	O/C B
1705	16 Egrs will build culvert about 300 yds S of blown bridge N of Hntour tonite. 81 Rm plus attached tanks will provide security for this operation. Coordinate with CO 16 Egrs.	O/C B	81st Rm
2023	Air ground signals will be displayed at 5138 tonite dusk to dawn. Advise any troops near this point.	1 AD	O/C B

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A MAY 43**TIME****DATE****MESSAGE****ORIGIN****TIME**

2120

Commencing at daylight 5 May you will continue aggressive reconnaissance to the East to develop the enemy strength in the high ground around Dj El Mansaffine feature. Further you will establish contact with friendly troops to your left rear.

O/O B

01 Rem

2125

Continue Rom tomorrow with view in making a coordinated night attack on the Dj El Mansaffine feature.

O/O B

1/6 Inf

Request all available air cover during 5 May.
Bombing missions:

O/O B

1 AB

(1) Hill 366766 infantry, vehicles and guns concentration.

(2) Road and RR crossing at J 642065 - Gun emplacements.

(3) Road Junction J 654786 Entrenchment and emplaced guns.

5 MAY 43

0100

Corps light line established J2995 Hoffmanns Hill
Alair RJ 4707 Exclusive.

1 AB

O/O B

0150

Two plts engaged in Rom construction - 1 squad with Romex, 1 plt resting.

O/O B

O/O B

0450

Situation no change.

776

O/O B

0450

Situation unchanged.

3/13

O/O B

0560

Subordinate units report all clear

1/13,

16 Reg

O/O B

0533

Enemy patrols encountered vicinity 36587.
Some vehicle traffic in this area 3642064.
Bridges blown believe enemy was mining area from J 642064 to 3650870 to 3633837. Bridge blown.

01 Rem

O/O B

0535

Above msg sent by telephone to G-3.

0645

Call fr Maj Wilder that there will be a meeting at Div OP at 1300 hrs. Gen Robinett, Col Duncan, Maj Hoy to attend.

Maj Wilder

O/O B

0645

1 Bn 13 AH dive-bombed by 9 BN 109's. Request air cover.

1/13

Phoned to G-32144, Kloss to Wilder.

0710

What is yo r situation/?

O/O B

01 Rem

0600

2 Bn 13 AH divebombed by 4 BN 109's.

2/13

O/O B

O/O B

1 AB

0916

Urgently request Air cover one hour from now.

01 Rem

O/O B

0800

Not in person to OP 1 AB for meeting at 1300 hrs today.

O/O B

01 Rem

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5 MAY 43 CP 570729 (Via MATHER)

TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DIST.
1045	Run area on stehd overlay for occupation tonight Co A in det fr 2 Bn 13 Ar at once and will return to you now if the situation permits. In occupation of above area Bn may be less 1 Co.	O/O B	776 TA
1050	After dark tonight units all moving as shown on stehd overlay in preparation for an attack to the East and NE tomorrow. You will run position to support the attack successfully as far East as vertical grid 74.	O/O B	27 YA
	Light line established J 2395. Sedjamaa SID NEIR RJ 4747 inclusive.	1 AD	All Units
1110	15 ME's bombed MATHER. Phoned to Div and request repeated for air cover.		Capt Yelton (oral)
1135	Do not move Gardner's Bn until you move it for the attack. I want to put a btry of 155's in vic of your area to assist us in attack.		Gen Harman (O/O B)
	Immediate rpt on enemy air attacks necessary to make attempt at interception.	1 AD	O/O B
1035	Run area on above stehd overlay for occupation after dark tonight. Co A 776 TD Bn is released from stehd to you at once. It will move to rejoin Bn w/o delay unless situation prohibits.	O/O B	2/13
1080	Run area shown on stehd overlay for occupation after dark tonight. Co A 776 TD Bn is released from stehd. Co M reverts to your command at 0930 hrs today.	O/O B	3/13
	Adv elements at 253684154 and 253682242 and from 253682217 to 253682243. Enemy plane strafed area 364702 at 0855 hrs.	SI Res	1 AD
1130	25 vchs disappeared along road J 640865. Request air bombardment. Phoned to G-3 Air. Request repeated for air cover.		Klouse Wilder
	Make a run of route S of the RR which runs thru MATHER on an SW line for a possible movement of your Bn.	Vbl OGR	OO 776
1230	From Col Cairns to Col Dewey by phone: Our tanks moved out and took position at 6675 SW of LELLA SALLA. They started jumping off from there and a little W of there. The tanks moved to the SE crossing W&H and RR tracks and moved down towards 6674. One of them got almost to 6674 when it was hit right smack on the nose and knocked out. The other turned back and was hit in the tail and knocked out before it got across the w&h. One did get on hill 654773 and they are generally on line from there to line of LELLA SALLA and that was far as they got. They were attacked	Cairns	Dewey

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	(BY PHONE GADONS TO HWY COMD) by some tanks that were located at 7072 on the same road they were going down. There was also arty battery. The exact position he doesn't have but it was rptd to B-2 and had gone to Div G-2.		
1305	Your msg of 0800 being complied with.	Sl Ron	O/G B
1330	Rpt your situation at once.	O/G B	Sl Ron
1322	Your msg of 1750 Ask 1320 of now at 21363200	Sl Ron	O/G B
1400	Divebombing East of here.	O/G A	1 AD
1350	15 to 18 enemy planes bombed directly E of this CP. Damage not reported. (Rptd to Div. Request for Air cover repeated.)		
1455	Four enemy planes have been rptd as downed in the following locations J-590720 - J-592750, J-575748 - J-610778. Planes not repeat not brought down by friendly planes today. Believe they have been down several days. Planes appear in fairly good condition.	O/G B	1 AD
	Situation here unchanged. Sl Ron Bn operating along general line J-6282 to J-6376 to J-6184. Rptd that men from our knocked out tanks still fighting and firing MB's vicinity J-6476.	O/G B	1 AD
1530	Vhl from Col Howze: 1005 an arty barrage was laid down Dj el Assafir 1015 Smoke laid on Dj el Assafir and H Co 19 Ar jumped off. Tanks reached the farm house at J- and orchard behind overrunning enemy infantry and one known AT gun and probably more. Of the 14 tanks which made the attack 9 were knocked out. 2 tanks knocked out vic of J-6477 and believed they can be recovered tonight. All officers of Company failed to return. Sl Ron Co rptd MB fire coming from vic J-6476 and believe that tank men are still fighting dismounted with MB's.	Lt Col Howze	
1605	Gen Robinson wounded in right ankle and left thigh from enemy shell fire vicinity J-5773. Will be evacuated. Wound not serious but will be out of action for several days.	O/G B	1 AD
1600	Your Bn reverts to command of CO 6th Inf effective immediately.	O/G B	1 Bn 6 Inf
1655	Enemy bombing vic of MATRUM.		

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1640	Target at 7179. Request leave to fire.	776 TB	0/0 B
1730	Go ahead.	0/0 B	776 TB
1915	Wait comdra (combat) meeting at 1945.	0/0 B	All Cmbt W
1850	Hamblins will be submitted later.	0/0 B	1 AD
1915	Give hamblins effective damn.	0-3 Air	0/0 B
1915	2 green pistol flares fifteen seconds apart will indicate to you location of our friendly elements that may come under your fire. Ask.	0/0 A	0/0 B
2045	Col Benson is to telephone CG 1 AD at 2100. Inform us if he is with you.	0/0 B	01 Ren-En
2045	Ralston safe on way in.	01 Ren	0/0 B

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0205	You will send 1 pilot tank to 2/13 with stndd plt. 1 pilot tank to 3/13 w/small det not given in order. Rpt compliance.	0/0 B	0/16 Regt
0335	Left Biv at 0335.		

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0425	Arrived new biv E MATHE 0425 hrs. Mileage 5.4 miles.		
0500	On the way on schedule.	0/0 B	00 1 AD
0515	GO 27 YA En. Smoke 6679 at 0530 hrs.	0/0 B	00 27
0510	Move out. Ask.	0/0 B	3/13
0517	Smoke at 6679 at 0530	Benson	00 27
0520	Move out. Move out. Ask.	0/0 B	3/13
0523	You are too congested. Spread out.	0/0 B	776
0525	Move out. Ask.	0/0 B	3/13
	3 Bn 13 commenced movement 0530		
0540	Vbl orders to GO Ren Co 13 AR; mov e out now in rear of 2 Bn 13 AR and run pass to east as far as vertical 00.	0/0 B	Ren Co
0556	Join Gardiner. Rpt situation. Recommend next move.	0/0 B	Regt
0558	Did attachments join proper units.	0/0 B	0/16 Reg
0559	Attack of both bns progressing satisfactorily.	0/0 B	00 1 AD

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0535	Continues moving into objective receiving only indirect fire arty, Believe enemy has pulled out.	Bravo	0/0 B
0550	Cease making target.	0/0 B	BT
0605	Previous msg wrong. We are losing some tanks. Some tanks returning.	Bravo	0/0 B
0600	Rpt location.	0/0 B	776 TD
0625	B Co 776 TD Rn to move to location of A Co 776 TD.	Oral fr Col Hanson to Lt Cole 776	
0633	Six tanks known to be knocked out. Get replacements.	0/0 B	8-9
0620	Move your Rn to vicinity BAD BAR.	0/0 B	776 TD
0618	3/13 crossed 63 Fort Coordinate. Push rapidly to CR 760775. Push TD wall to E to protect rt flank. Push N to RT _____ to assist 0/0 A.	1 AB	0/0 B
0550	Attack of both has progressing satisfactorily.	0/0 B	1 AB
0618	This unit in now fwd of line 63.	3/13	0/0 B
0625	2nd on obj. Others moving up.	0/0 A	0/0 B
0630	Enemy tanks on reverse side of obj. Moving up!	0/0 A	0/0 B
0635	3 Rn 13 moving MN towards 6702.	0/0 B	All Units
0702	51 Rm has been given mission to push rapidly to 8201 as objective.	0/0 B	All 90
0650	Can you proceed RT 76200	0/0 B	2/13
0650	2nd is on Obj now. Others moving up.	0/0A	1 AB
0635	Our tanks at 0610 were in vic of 253703 and moving fwd and our tanks in vic 25370365 do not seem to be moving fwd at this time.	51 Rm	0/0 B
0732	0/0 A has obtained 1st Obj and wall on way to 2nd Obj.	Div	All 90
0725	67009 large cal gun there. Can not be seen from our firing position. Request arty fire.	776 TD	0/0 B
0725	Our position 7-606772.	776 TD	0/0 B
0800	AT gun 662770.	2/13	0/0 B

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0810	Request units on F and L.	3/13	0/0 B
0815	0/0 at 4.22, 4.5 2/13 at 4.21.5	0/0 B	3/13
0815	Positions 67070 to 67170 to 67270 to 67370 to 66770 to 66870.	2/13	0/0 B
0818	Rechecked by A planes.		
0820	3.2 mile E of where we spent last night.	3/13	0/0 B
0820	Can see 3 of 5 vehs rptd at 6770. They are definitely ours. Not moving.	None	0/0 B
0810	3 Km 1 AN at 58070 with det at 6670.	0/0 B	All Units
0820	Friendly tanks at 67101 at 0800 hrs.	776 TD	0/0 B
0725	Anti-tank gun at 66270.	2/13	0/0 B
0825	Valley heavily covered w/AF on reverse slopes. They wait for tanks to come in before opening fire. 1/0 of 2/13 667 good. Allowed into obj before they opened. Some are in obj but not firing. May be knocked out.	None	Cairns
0825	Foot troops observed on skyline 669710.	776 TD	0/0 B
0830	There are many German Inf B side of RR tracks. In rear of our leading elements. Request Inf support.	2/13	0/0 B
0812	Request info as to 2/13 to aid 3/13 with fire power. 3/13 held up by AN that they cannot cut flank.	3/13	0/0 B
0825	Man saw Gen who has good OP.	2/13	0/0 B
0817	Suggest coordinated attack 1st obj all has 1100	None	0/0 B
0818	Give my your sit and rpt location of your full unit s.	Cairns	2/13
0923	Ldg elements 3/13 are general line 13,011.2.	3/13	0/0 B
0825	We have 1 Km at 4.211.4. Another bn making slower progress to obj on N of 1st Reg Bn. Cairns on way to 7.511.9 held up by 88 guns at 6.612.2.	0/0 B	All Units
0900	Coded msg not quite clear.	0/0 B	2/13
0905	Would smoke on hill 6670 permit you to advance.	0/0 B	3/13

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Location of German Inf 651753. Believed in unit N and S of this point. They are not N of RR tracks. Leading elements 2/13 AR at 66422.2

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0714	All positions are on middle of slope 6670 not on top of hill. Doubt questionable. Would like 2/13 to attack.	2/13	O/O B
0750	South BA meeting strong resistance. Lost at least six tanks. There are more targets than 27th can handle. Am calling on 68th TD's moving up.	O/O B	1 AD
0825	Located 3 guns at 664709. Firing at 664706.	776 TD	O/O B
0828	OP can see as far as 662763 and a red 30 degrees to hill 270.	776 TD	O/O B
0700	O/O A has not secured 1st obj. Still some use. Use tails then to chase up and proceed. 2nd obj of 6 Inf in hill 7000.		
0718	2/13 AR crossed 63 vertical coordinate. Push rapidly to N in GR 768773. Push TD wall to N to protect its flank. Push N to RJ (9) to assist O/O A.	1 AD	OO 19
0620	same area by the vicinity 810-810	Benson	776 TD
0633	6 tanks known to be out. Get replacements.	Benson	B-4
0620	Tpt location.	776 TD	O/O B
0950	Captured order for BA VI issued yesterday by man-to-fire group warns of our tank attack and specifies that heavy weapons must be well fed to hit strongest blow possible on our initial attack and cause us to lose taste for further attack.	O/O B	All Units
1005	Leman will support Crosby w/plenty fire while he resumes and then 2/13 A will attack. Arrangements made w/Crosby.	68 FA	O/O B
1125	The gun referred to in msg 1101 is firing on our troops. Can you bring fire on it.	776 TD	O/O B
1140	Unidentified vehicles at 652692.	776 TD	O/O B
1155	Unidentified vehs are friendly. Gun referred to in msg 1125 is being taken under arty fire. Fuel elements of 81 Reg are moving toward 85360908.	O/O B	776 TD

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1208		2 tanks burned. 1 tank out but may recover. Fed ammo HP under fire. Getting some clay at granary.		Oral by Lt Taylor (3/13 AR)
1209		Location (approx) of our fed elements: 2/13 AR at 3-6778 2/13 AR at 3-6180 776 TD at 3-6477	G/O B	ATT 1 AB
1209		There is probably arty at 64805. Probably 155 comes there. Not hostiles.	G/O B	All Units
1217		Right battalion held up by AF guns. We are using indirect fire (tank) and arty fire to try to remove these AF gun positions. Left battalion maneuvering to flank and possibly by-pass enemy positions.	G/O B	1 AB
1225		Things generally quiet. We are in the process of rehabilitating. Outfits not completely ready as yet. Alamo is here. Col Gardiner out somewhere but whereabouts unknown. 776 TD doing a good job.	2/13	G/O B
1235		No officer present. Situation stable.	2/13	G/O B
1240		Our 6 & 7 tanks just left here on way back to you. Your 6 & 7 on way back to you. Your 6 & 7 have just left and are on way back to your CP.	776	G/O B
1242		XXXXXXXXXXXX Brought back some gun positions. CP under occasional shell fire. Fed ammo HP under shell fire. 3 tanks out of action. 2 burned, one repairable. Personnel losses unknown. Believed to be one MI at present time. In waiting to make a coordinated attack with 2 Bn 13 AR.	Verbal by Lt Taylor 2/13	
1250		Our CP is located at 643768. Col Hunt is comd. Gardiner was Lt Brown last seen getting out of knocked out tank. Definite losses 6 or 7 tanks mostly from E Co. Lt Curry CO arty is now at 6778 w/2 more tanks and are pinned down w/AF guns and Inf. Planning an assault for 1600. Most of fire power by B and F Cos. A Co 776 TD still with us and have been firing at possible AF targets. Capt Wadley evacuated. Lt Guedak in charge. They will support us in this drive moving into position at approx 640767 at 1530 hrs. All vans are replenishing ammo to capacity. Most Fed elements 6978.	2/13 to G/O B	
1240		New Plan in effect. The whatnot co of 2/13 is attached to your command effective now. 2/13 AR has been notified. to 2/13 (Was 2/13).	G/OB	

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1349		Our Bn CP is in chateau (3-40773) near of ground occupied by 2/13 and "B" about a 1000 yards in where CP Co is. 3rd 673022 German pushed fwd. A M1 VI tank and unloaded gun and then dug in gun. Gun at 2073022. Bn firing at every available targets. At least 2 AF guns known knocked out.	In GFC	
1349		You will assemble your Bn (less the weakest Co which is attached to 2/13) in vic of MATHR as soon as possible. Further orders later.	G/O B	3/13
1350		Send 1 Plt as soon as possible to 3-410014 (CP of G/O A) a guide from 1/13 will meet it there. Plt is attached to 1/13 A.	G/O B	776
1349		Enemy guns at 070709. Active until 1100. Brought under fire by our people but fire ended around 19. Our TB in valley SW of MATHR fired at 7470. Enemy fire observed all morning at 7470.	776	G/O B
1335		B Co MATHR Bn moving by infiltration to vic 3-5669.	1 AD	G/O B
1310		Div CP closes present location 1430 hrs 6 May open at new location 1.8 mi SE MATHR and at same time.	1 AD	G/O B
1348		The plan they have B and firing on in the hills has been neutralized (Coord 073022).	776	G/O B
		The plan I discussed with Bn and Coombs is postponed one hour to 1700 hrs. Coordinate attack by 3/13, 2/13, 6 Inf supported by 3 Bn arty and 776 TB Bn.		Verbal by Col Hanson to Simmons.
		3/13 is going thru the Inf at Hill 275 on an envelopment to the South. Gen Hanson has approved both plans.		
		Col Wreckler's inference of plan and the delay of one hour. Attack at 0500 hrs. (5 o'clock)		
		G/O B mission is to continue on assigned mission in FO and go as far as possible and clean out enemy in the NE ASHAFER feature and all East of it as far as it is possible to go.		Col Hanson to Hanson
		Attack of 3/13 & 2/13 and Inf to be supported by 3 Bn of arty and the 776 TB Bn (-).		
		Send 1 Plt as soon as possible to 3-410014 (CP of G/O A). A guide from 1/13 will meet it there. Plt is attached to 1/13.	G/O B	776
1705		Have you passed point 275. Rpt your progress.	G/O B	3/13

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1707		You we have passed point 275 and moving fwd slowly.	3/13	0/0 B
1705		Many troops surrendering all along our front.	776 TD	0/0 B
1709		Marist would like a verification of enemy troops	1 AB 2/13	0/0 B
1859		Are there friendly troops at A plus 4 point 7513 point 75.	776 TD	0/0 B
Intercom.		4 enemy tanks moving SW from 65086 1740A. There are 4 NK 4 tanks, 1 Co of Inf advancing on Hill 172 (665035) also 2 NK IV on hill 273. Should like you to get a hold of Crosby and have him take care of it, especially the 2 tanks on Hill 273. 3 Plt rpts that 1/13 A ⁴ has enemy inf on the run and is following them up.	01 Pan	Day
1740		First Co has moved fwd to protect Gardiner. First and 2nd Cos covering right flank. 3rd column covering left flank. First Co 3rd Co covering just and second company. Our attack has progressed to 665703.	776 TD	0/0 B
1750		Enemy anti-air gun enemy located at 7124. They are firing on our elements.	2/13	0/0 B
1750		My six just rptd that they ran away a NK IV tank at 655843. They fired on him and he ran away.	3/13	0/0 B
1752		Just cornered 2nd NK IV in well and have him between us and Mg mine and our boys will have a happy hunting ground in a few minutes.	3/13	0/0 B
1705		15 enemy tanks at 368035 moving SW to 36705.	1 AB	0/0 B
1750		6 is being smothered heavy and has hit several large guns.	3/13	0/0 B
1810		FW so far 821 of which some are officers.	6 Inf	0/0 B
1808		6 is rec H Col AP 65852R both AF and tank fire.	3/13	0/0 B
1815		My 6 is finding maneuvering difficult due to rain and slippyness. Have lost 1 veh by its slipping and turning over embankment.	3/13	0/0 B
1000		Push rapidly toward RJ at 37770 Ask.	0/0 B	2/13
1805		2 Bn 13 A ⁴ is pushing to RJ 3-7770. Push and con- tinue to cover right, Ask.	0/0 B	776 TD
1810		2nd Bn 13 AR 776 TD Bn and Pan Co 13 AR are pushing toward RJ 37770. Expedite movement to do likewise. Ask.	0/0 B	3/13

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- 1890** Our inf on 273 and 251 hills are being counter-
attacked. 251 has been retaken by enemy inf and
tanks. They would like to use part of the tank
I have here to regain ~~444~~ that position. Can I give
me some idea. 3/13 0/0 B
- 1895** I have just talked to an officer who knows the
situation and they cannot move fwd for they have
AT guns on one side and tanks on the other so
there is no possible way for them to go fwd or to
flank them for they cannot find the gun locations
to put arty on them. 3/13 0/0 B
- 1895** The second Mark IV tank which we had pinned in well
on hill 577 has now been destroyed and is immobilizing
and the crew is well taken care of. 3/13 0/0 B
- 1925** Our position 2-46772. 776 TD 0/0 B
- 2210** B Co 41 Reg asked to us for night. By phone.
- 2105** OP now at 2613776. Closed div at 2100 hrs. 3/13 0/0 B
Aggressive action to the east along Hntour -
Dont go to 2613776. Hill 273
by enemy. O/G B to assist O/G A in capturing Hill
273. We are to secure what gain we now have.
1/41 Reg under our command. 0/0 B 1 AD

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- 0735** Our fuel elements are now at F8. All 8 AT. 612.0. 3/13 0/0 B
- 0800** Six more we are moving out. 3/13 0/0 B
- 0840** The landing elements approx 605703. They have
located one 88mm gun and put it under fire. We
have run out. 2/13 0/0 B
- 0910** Disregarding run move N to destroy enemy in the
valley. Go no farther than the OR in the northern end. 0/0 B 3/13
Roger. I have some information. Can you tell me
whether we have any friendly troops at 672824? Also
enemy infantry have been rptd evacuating up well
at 712. We are taking them under fire now from
our unit fire points. 3/13 0/0 B
- I will let you know. Do more than take them under
fire. Go after them! 0/0 B 3/13
- 0912** It is doubtful as to presence of enemy troops at
672824. 0/0 B 3/13
We will observe more closely. 3/13 0/0 B

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0917	2/13th at 6918 just W of the C ² with ren going to the E. In that connection the only contact they have is that they are under fire of an AF gun at 775777. They are to the E of the mouth of the pass. 776 continues to cover the right flank vicinity of the D ² Ammunition fortures.	O/O B	1 AD
0945	I would like to know if the boys who were attached to us last nite and are still with us are to be relieved or not.	2/13	O/O B
0950	You are to keep that part of Barney's outfit with you.	O/O B	2/13
0956	"6" has just found out from ren that at 723775 a column of enemy vehicles moving S. He wants you to go over there and under no circumstances are you to go W N of vertical 75 until he has checked in here first. It is evidently trucks.	O/O B	2/13
1015	3 enemy AF tanks and 2 platoons relocated at	O/O B	All units
0917	Displace Bn less Btry "A" to positions vicinity vertical 65.	O/O B	27 FA
1045	My 6 rpts that he has reached his first objective but he is receiving heavy calibre fire approx on 6882.	3/13	O/O B
1100	200 Friendly French residing in quarries at 6085 Request no fire be placed on East slope of hill.	Div Arty	O/O B All Units
1130	Our six has info given him by prisoner that 16 88 guns and 8 small vehicles left the area just beyond where six is now. This staff headed north from that area.	3/13	O/O B
1015	Crosby has taken so many prisoners and material that he has had to turn over to the 91st Bn Bn. He is pushing on to the E.	O/O B	1 AD
1310	Large concentration of enemy Inf and vehicles at 77585. 5 tanks just entered farm at 740820 from E. About 300 Inf entered farm from W.	4ams	O/O B
1430	Large concentration enemy Inf and vehicles at 37585 5 tanks just entered farm at 740820 on E. About 300 Inf entered farm from W. Your Bn is not to cross N of the rd running SE along the lake out of Ferryville. That mission has been given to another unit. You are to take charge of the situation I just reported to you. Your job is to move up in the area S of the rd with particular attention to the large concentration I just rpd to you.	O/O B	3/13

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- 1508 There are about 500 to 1000 & mounted men at 681628 E of Rj Harwar. Send Co of tanks to round them up if you can get in touch with him.
- As soon as I can contact him I will do so and will continue moving in that direction.
- 2/13 2/13
- 1500 (Msg No 500 men repeated). I am trying to get the other Bn to take care of them but I am unable to reach them. If you can do so in view of your other mission send other Co to round them up. Also continue to move up and secure the area 7006.
- 0/0 B 2/13
- 1515 Give me Crosby's location at once. Fire has been suspended in that area and we want to start firing.
- Div Arty 0/0 B
- 1500 Two new booby traps rptd. 1 is in form of a chocolate bar. Chocolate coating over a steel case and marked with the lettering FWHIS on wrapping. On unwrapping it explodes - 7 s cond delay. The other one is a latrid pouch with Red Cross. When it is opened, 7 seconds explosion.
- 0/0 B All units
- 1636 Our 6 just brought us the following info: Our 500 men retreating into hills about 3 mi N of his location covered by 3 tm and sev SP's. Carr's outfit is in that general direction. 6 knows of no mission which carries him in that direction which we came from. Can you give me a definite mission for Crosby?
- 2/13 0/0 B
- 1645 I told you and got receipt furinfor that 500-1000 dismt men were in vicinity at 6806. He had the mission this AM of mopping up 7006. He was also told that there was a large concentration at 7345. These 3 specific missions were recited for you and Crosby was told at the same time that he was not to go N of the rd but was to turn S and take care of those jobs.
- 0/0 B 2/13
- 1428 At 300000 there are trucks tanks bumper to bumper and many men. They are destroying their vehicles and equipment. This is an excellent target for someone.
- Sl Ren 0/0 B
- 1450 Our leading elements overlooking road at B 20516.0 believe we can be there soon. Many vehicles being destroyed in front of us.
- 2/13 0/0 B
- 1538 Can you give us information of your fwd elements?
- 0/0 B 2/13
- The lnt rpt was about 5 min ago. They were moving along ridge line down toward a rd at B 25.1 E 6.6. We have drawn considerable arty fire. The 1 unit are now shelling an airfield. I have not been able to get the location. They are blowing up vehs ahead of our leading elements. At the time they are having considerable trouble with the terrain.
- 2/13 0/0 B

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1546	At 39803 are 1000 enemy Inf and 200 vehs moving N at 1545. Request air.	GI Rom	O/O B
1608	At 3-8805 col of vehs still streaming N. Some 2 of this pt. They are still destroying vehs in that area.	GI Rom	O/O B
1608	North col right flank 25 J 99061 left 25 3994 067 receiving considerable arty fire. We are shelling rd and airport vicinity J 8045, 304th col at 25 S 00280 attacking Inf on right front.	O/O B	1 AD
1610	Move your Bn less dem cross country to vic J0786 CP moves vic RJ 0066.	O/O B	776 TD
1736	Prisoner of war states 4 50 tanks sent up from 2 to counter-attack. These may be some tanks. At J 07707 is 1 gun also 4 or 5 tanks in road there at 1727.	GI Rom	O/O B
1730	At J 80015 at least 12 M4 tks. At J 97293 a gas dump burning; also 15 M4 tks going into grove at thstpt. Also what appears to be 2 M4 tks are towing guns into that same grove.	GI Rom	O/O B
1750	Comm in road N 25130. Our leading elements on ridge on CP held up by fire and have started 2 2M fires; think they are tanks.	2/18	O/O B
1805	6 tanks fire put on that RJ by any means which you have as soon as possible. ANS: At the present time there are other things I'd call for a little more fire. Will try.	2/13	O/OB
1835	Sitrep oral: 2 Bn 13 A 25390460 3 Bn 13 AR 25390434 1 Bn 1 AR 25380819	O/O B	1 AD
1915	Plug pass at 222,521 and out road vic 225125. Co of Deffenbaugh being sent to you now.	O/OB	3/13
1920	At J-077922 is a large number of vehicles, a big explosion at J 077927 at 1915A.	GI Rom	O/O B
1925	When 2 Bn 1 AR moves into general area occupied by 2 Bn 13 A and 3 Bn 13 A today return to an area close to this CP. Report location and send msg to this HQ. We still may move tonight.	O/OB	R/13
1700	CP moved again (2 mi). Now located 6981.	O/O B	All units

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1740	Man is now about 1 mi from his objective and after making a study of the terrain to the N of his objective he says it would be difficult for tank to operate in that vicinity. He wants to know if it will be OK if he works a little to the SE of the NJ.	2/13	O/O B
1750	Advise Man to pick suitable terrain, using his own judgment to accomplish his mission.	O/O B	2/13
	I would also like to rpt that thru the day we have destroyed and overrun numerous equipments including 4 60mm guns destroyed, 4 captured. We have had very few prisoners due to the fact that we had no facilities for handling them.	2/13	O/O B
1755	16 in gun Mtrics have been turned around and can fire on all rds leading out of Ferrydaley.	GI Rom	O/O B
1750	20 tanks and sev special purpose guns have been rptd at 730073 and are covering withdrawal of over 500 enemy Inf into the hills to the SE.	O/O B	All units
	Re mission 1730: Crooby thinks that the same org as ours might be operating to the E. He also says that if he has to send 1 outfit on that special mission it is going to be a special mission for him to be concerned with the remaining vehs which he has even with what you bring up.	3/13	O/O B
	You take care of the last mission I gave you and your original mission around 7000 and then tell me the results.	O/O B	3/13
	Original mission at 6806 and at 7006 has been accomplished rptd by 6 with the exception that there may be scattered stragglers trying to get away. The mission at 7505 he is going to take care of but it will take him right thru the location of the vehs which he told you about and if he goes that way and sends a mission E he is going to bein pretty much of a strain.	3/13	O/O B
	You will have to let that to the E go until you get the feed you ordered. Can you tell me where you are.	O/O B	3/13
	I am at 670034.	3/13	O/O B
2100	Our troops are definitely in Tunis.	O/O B	All units.
2210	Stand to at 0430 hrs to fight or move.		
2353	Present Div plan is to hold on its right via NJ 770775 and to make its main effort to the N and NE. Coche is stand to you and will join you as soon as possible. Your mission is to prevent an enemy thrust westward against the Div from via NJ 770775. Mines will be laid.	O/O B	2/13

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ORIGIN **DISPOSITION**

At 0900 hrs CG 1 AD atdhd 1 battalion of light
tan M2 to G/O B with mission of clearing out
the territory vicinity Fretville. Rm Commander
was sent to report to this GP at 0900 hrs also
the 27 F to proceed with the 2 Rm 19 on their
mission and the 68 FA will be moved to support
the 5-Rm-19.

At 0922 776 TD Rm was alerted to move on short
notice.

Div Arty with Long Tom and 27th have engaged
enemy tanks (intercept 0943).

1000	Sally wants to know when we can expect the slogfoot.	2/13	G/O B
1005	On the way now. GO should be there any minute	G/O B	2/13
1100	GO 776 TD received verbal orders to have "C" to occupy positions RZ 7777 previously occupied by A Co. The Rm Co to cover the right of troops in that area from 7676 to 7174.		
1130	2 Left GP for new area.		
1130	Enemy tank going west on road at Fretville 3200 by enemy 1040. Many enemy vehicles going north.	2/13	G/O B
1225	Our situation: We are moving fwd; encountered no resistance approx 1/2 MI from starting pt.	2/13	G/O B
	What happened to those enemy tanks rtyd up there	G/O B	2/13
	I know of nothing of such a rty. It might have gone out over the other set.	2/13	G/O B
1236	Our fwd elements at 25 J 806 B 37 are receiving some enemy gun fire. Fwd elements at 25 J 984 G 28 were there at 1215A and had seen no enemy. Fwd elements on N at 25 J 798 J 58 at 1217 hrs.	G1 Rm	G/O B
1305	Following units atdhd to G/O B by 1st AD at 1245: 1 Co 2 Rm 1 AR, 1 Rm 39th Inf to hold place.		
1315	Enemy motor transport moving NE from point J8673 using both rds running NE from that point. AF guns and tanks rtyd to our front probably pre- tecting this movement.	2/13	G/O B

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1315	Msg of 1305 Re atchd units received by CG 1 AD	Oral	Col. Russell
1345	CP now located at B 13,2585	0/16	0/0 B
1625	This command less 2 Bn 13 AR with attachments moves without delay to vicinity RJ J-8886. Order of march H Co 13 AR, HQ BTR 0/0 B, 776 TD less detachments, 27 YA, A Co 6 Inf, C Co 16 Ingre. Units will establish liaison with preceding units. H Co 13 A, will cover the movement. This command will move with the Command Group.	0/0 B	776, 0/16, 27YA, A/6, B/13, HQ BTR
1647	Our observer reports our own tanks firing on friendly Inf at 806906. We are checking on another net with 0/0 B.		iv Arty Div
	Fed elements took hill 111 J 789739 and precurs.	1/1	0/0 B
2030	Dusk report enemy veh still moving North of road J 885850 to Biserte. Also some infantry in area scattered fires seen at scattered points in valley J 885850.	81 Ren	0/0 B
	Do not fire on friendly vehicles as proceeding from our CP to your CP.	1/1	0/0 B
2106	Objectives for tomorrow: 1st Objective J 8986. 2nd Objective J 9592. When 1st and 2nd objectives are reached call in for further orders. Reach 1st objective as early as possible and pass on to the 2nd and 3rd.	1 AD	0/0 B
2140	Be prepared to move at first light tomorrow	0/0 B	All units.
2200	Our fed elements are as follows: 2/13 at 25 J 88553; 1/1 at 25388292 and 3/13 at 25388739.	0/0 B	1 AD

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-	Left old Biv 0430 hrs. Arrived new bivouac 0690 hrs. 11.4 miles.		
0515	Have approx 500 prisoners. Have pushed off.	Alame	0/0 B
0528	First light report; Enemy still burning vehs in general area J 845855. No gunfire observed in that area.	81 Ren	0/0 B
0845	Your mission is to move to Port Yariana capture enemy forces. Have sent MP forces and trucks to help you in evacuation of prisoners.	1 AD	0/0 B

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At 7 9100 5 the 1 N/T going from there about 1/2 way up a ridge at 0750. A 7 0996 is a motor park with MG's and MM's and 60mm guns, all believed to be badly trapped.

0845

We are just short of the 1st obj. Gen Harman is here now. The mission is for C/O B to clear up triangle 0846-2998-0202; use Inf to march prisoners to 1st obj. Our mission was wrong. We are to go on to the end by way of Forte Faxiana after 1st objective.

C/US

Alarm

1000

Drive on to Forte Faxiana. Destroy all enemy.

C/O B

3/13

Caigas pushing on to Forte Faxiana. Hums will pass thru 2nd objective and push north to D 9302. You will follow Hums into area D9302. Attack and destroy all enemy installations encountered.

C/US

1/1 AM

1109

Our fed elements approaching Forte Faxiana. The 10 Panzer Div surrendered to our elements.

3/13

C/US

1113

Cease firing and hold present position until further orders.

1 AM

C/O B

1120

Gen Harman's 15th Panzer Div has surrendered.

Alarm

C/O B

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Cease firing and hold present positions, the Germans have surrendered.

Harman

All Units

1108

Your term of unconditional surrender in Sector indicated in your map has been accepted by Gen Brunner who commands that sector. No communication with command of North sector.

Rose

Harman

1135

The boundary line between C/O A and C/O B will be line D 9304 on north and J 9093 on the south. Commanders of the commands in these sectors are authorized to accept unconditional surrender of the Germans in their sectors. It is desired that the German Commanders assemble their commands in place. Your commands will then move into position and place proper guard. Strlines inclusive to C/O B also El Alia.

Harman

C/O A & C/O B

1155

Move on to your final obj. Comb the coast line w/Hums. If any troops trying evacuate give them the word as the terms of surrender given to Gen Harman are unconditional.

C/O B

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ORIGIN DISSEMINATION
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Have your units as soon as possible to the coast. Msg from higher headquarters: You are authorized to kill any Germans attempting an evacuation by sea. Any German making this attempt will be killed since the terms of surrender are unconditional. Necessary instructions have been issued to all units.

1210 3/13 to Cap Farina on S. Move elements of your unit to coast as follows:
1/1; from Base de Sahil to 9903 (D-0807)
2/13; 9903 to Cap Farina. C/US 1/1, 2/13

1225 3/13; Move elements of your unit to the coast E as far as Cape Farina. Schull and Bower are doing the same on the North coast. C/US 3/13

1218 Allms and Col Guiras now in Port Farina. Thousands of prisoners surrendering. No resistance. In compliance w/instrs from Higher Hq have Guiras put elements on the coast from Port Farina as far towards Cape Farina as to the E as is possible. C/US 3/13

Msg to El Alia (2104) and take charge of prisoners in that area. El Alia Incl to the SE is to you C/US 7/6 7/9

1317 The number and location of all prisoners will be typed at once. C/US All units

1325 I have sent 2 German Gen's - Bawrenga, Air Force Commander in Africa, and Bouffier, Field Marshal. 2/13 C/US

1350 Many hundred prisoners in vicinity Porto Farina and still struggling in. 3/13 C/US

1505 Have P/V in your areas point out location of mines, booby traps, time bombs, explosives, etc., as part of surrender terms. C/US All units

1615 All prisoners for which there is enemy transportation will be sent in escorted convoy of 15 to 20 vehicles to MARON where they will be turned over to Div HQ units will report the number of dismounted prisoners then on hand. This report will be considered a requisition for trucks as they become available. Location of dismounted prisoners will be submitted. Total no of prisoners taken by each unit will be submitted. C/US All units

1940 We would like to know if we can have a relief from Ilwaco from A Co and a relief from C/Co A₂ for B Co. 7/6 7/9 C/US

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		ORIGIN	DISPOSITION
	GP located at B-985004	1/1 AR	C/S B
1888	Submit overlay of dispositions w/o delay.	C/S B	All Units
1914	Put a guard on air field at 8986. There is a considerable no of enemy planes & material there.	1st AD	C/S B
1918	Rpt to us when order in last msg has been accomplished.	1st AD	C/GB
2000	Co "G" (-F14) 16 Engrs detached your comm effective 0600 hrs tomorrow. Have Co "G" 16 rps to this GP at 0730 tomorrow AM.	C/GB	3/13
2225	Submit at once disposition overlay required in msg 1885.	C/GB	1/1 AR
2128	Refugees in vic of Porto Farina state there are Germans back in hills & armed in Arab clothes.	C/16	C/S B
1931	Location of supply dep and other groups of German equipment will have guard placed on them to prevent stealing by Arabs and other unauthorized persons.	1 AD	C/S B
0750	Report to this GP at once.	C/S B	776 TB Ba
0913	We would like to know if all this outfit should be together or should any of it be detached.	776 TB Ba	C/S B
0915	Elements of 776 with 2/13 and 3/13 released and ordered to return to their unit. Order given by this headquarters.		
1056	German Prisoner of War reports orchard south side road B-973815 to B-958019 heavily mined and booby trapped.	1/1 AR	C/S B
1058	Above message to all units.		
1120	Push collection of Prisoners first and usable small arms second. Expect Inf to take over within 24 hrs. Transportation for prisoners coming up!	C/GB	All Units
1210	Commencing at once the official headgear of this command is the steel helmet or liner. Other headgear will be immediately disposed of.	1 AD	COB-All Us
1910	The discharge of flares or other captured ammunition will cease immediately.	C/S B	All Units
1100	Will probably be FW 190 with Spits or F-48 over today. Any 190's seen escorted by friendly planes should not be fired on.	1 AD	COB All Us
1547	The 3rd Inf Div must take over guard of installations before your guard is released. Submit report of status of this release. Contact your units and see if they have taken over from them.	1 AD	C/S B

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1600	3rd Inf Div is taking over the guard of all installations in your areas. Submit report of status of this relief. Be sure that all installations are released from your control as soon as possible.	G/CS	1/2, 2/13; 3/13, 7/6th.
1609	All installations have been taken over by 3rd Inf Div. All installations completely released from us.	2/13	G/CS
1610	3 Inf Div has taken over installations in our area.	7/6 TB	G/O B
1625	Same as above except one to be taken over at 0800 hrs tomorrow.	3/13	G/O B
1745	Same as above.	1/1 AR	G/O B
1825	Same as above.	2/13	G/O B
1940	Have Hansen, Barney, Roy and Wreckless report to Corp HQ at 1600 hrs tomorrow.	1 AD	G/O B
1948	All installations have been taken over by the 3rd Inf Div except one which will be turned over at 0800 hrs tomorrow.	G/O B	1 AD
2030	1st Lt 6th Inf has been relieved. Has now passed our CP on his way to bivouac.	1/1 AR	G/O B

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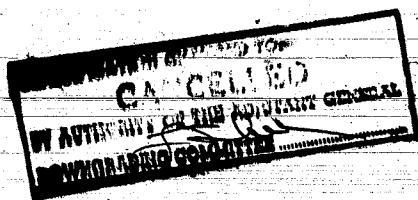
Moved CP 0420 arrived new area 1005 - 20.8 mi.

II Corps HQ at J 550786.

0750	Div Comdr directs that arrangement be made for relief of 27th from present guard duty at once.	27-7A	G/O B
1617	It is reported that American soldiers picked up many cases of German soap in Hinarto. This soap is body-trapped. All troops are cautioned.	1 AD	G/O B
1850	Information igniter Feder 504 with delay of 15 min to 21 days may be found in ammo dumps, building and installations. Body is cylindrical with albak milled cover. Lower portion smaller in dia and contains striker. Window in body shows setting in red figures for days and black for hours. Screw on lower portion marked sharp set for action. May be neutralized by turning lower milled ring of top cover so arrow points to Stecht which stops clock and then removing screw marked Sharp.	1 AD	G/CS

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TYPE OF FACILITY	COMPONENT	NAME	UNIT NO.	POS	DATE AND PLACE OF FACILITY
Captured	Bn and Co Co	Boon, Clifford A.	7811141	Pfc	Dec 16, 1942
Captured	Bn and Co Co	Brans, William E.	7822206	A-1	Dec 16, 1942
Captured	Bn and Co Co	Brook, Louis E.	7822207	T-1	Dec 16, 1942
Captured	Bn and Co Co	Williams, Frank	7822212	Pvt	Dec 16, 1942
Captured	Bn and Co Co	Winters, Dale	7822220	Pvt	Dec 16, 1942
Captured	Bn and Co Co	Woff, Dennis E.	7822223	Med Lt	Dec 16, 1942
Captured	Bn and Co Co	Wolke, Gerald F.	7822227	Pfc	Dec 16, 1942
Captured	Bn and Co Co	Wohlens, Paul J.	7822228	Sgt	Dec 16, 1942
Captured	1st Battalion	Woolfield, Roy E.	7822229	T-2	Dec 11, 1942
Captured	1st Battalion	Witting, David E. Jr.	7822232	T-2	Dec 11, 1942
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wurger, Forest E.	7822233	S-1 Sgt	Dec 2, 1942
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Royal E.	7822234	T-2	Feb 17, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Leslie E.	7822235	Pvt	Feb 17, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, William E.	7822236	Sgt	Feb 17, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Frank J.	7822237	Cpl	Feb 17, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Shirley A.	7822238	T-1	Feb 2, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Paul	7822239	Pvt	Feb 2, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, James E.	7822240	Pfc	Feb 16, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Roy E.	7822241	T-1	Feb 16, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Donald E.	7822242	T-1	Feb 16, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Eugene E.	7822243	T-4	Feb 16, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Gerald W.	7822244	Pvt	Feb 16, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Ralph E.	7822245	Pvt	Feb 16, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Roger W.	7822246	S-1 Sgt	Feb 16, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Harry E.	7822247	Pvt	Feb 16, 1943
Captured	2nd Battalion	Wynn, William E.	7822248	Pvt	Apr 11, 1943
Missing in Action	Engine Company	Wynn, George T.	7822249	Sgt	Dec 16, 1942
Missing in Action	1st Battalion	Wynn, Willie E.	7822250	Pvt	Dec 16, 1942
Missing in Action	1st Battalion	Wynn, Raymond J.	7822251	T-2	Nov 27, 1942
Missing in Action	1st Battalion	Wynn, Nathan	7822252	Pvt	Dec 11, 1942
Missing in Action	1st Battalion	Wynn, Frederick	7822253	Cpl	Dec 12, 1942
Missing in Action	1st Battalion	Wynn, Edward E.	7822254	1st Lt	Apr 11, 1943
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Kenneth E.	7822255	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Glenn G.	7822256	Sgt	Dec 2, 1942
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Philip F.	7822257	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Byron	7822258	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Harold G.	7822259	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Charles E.	7822260	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Wynn, George E. Jr.	7822261	T-2	Dec 2, 1942
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Charles F.	7822262	Cpl	Dec 2, 1942
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Wynn, Joseph	7822263	Sgt	Dec 2, 1942

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Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Cerich, Anthony	36306387	Pfc	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Quaranta, Thomas	36307804	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Galambos, Lawrence W.	37002318	Sgt	Dec 6, 1942 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Barnes, Joseph F.	37003332	T-5	Dec 7, 1942 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Boecker, Richard E.	38026794	Sgt	Dec 12, 1942 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Moore, Robert E.	39009080	Opl	Dec 7, 1942 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Bryant, Arthur V.	0-373299	1st Lt	Dec 10, 1942 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Ceruso, James	31052011	Pvt	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Rilderbach, John H.	39018819	Opl	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Carlock, Oliver G.	38027900	T-4	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Edwards, Allen W. Jr.	12010519	Pvt	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Corum, Lowell H.	39525151	T-5	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Shawant, Lloyd E.	36058023	T-4	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	2nd Battalion	Wheatley, Marion E.	36127453	T-5	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Davis, James C. Jr.	15059381	T-5	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Metzger, William F.	36070737	Pvt	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Barnes, James W.	0-360803	1st Lt	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Branham, Earl	15056810	Pvt	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Curtis, Delbert J.	15045723	Opl	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Allen, Melvin D.	15045329	Pfc	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Dominick, Joseph L.	33021163	Pfc	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Johnson, Roy W.	37273173	Pvt	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Fage, Earl	18052081	Pfc	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Presacco, Joseph T.	32026996	T-5	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Tinsley, Elwood G.	15041587	Opl	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Widmer, Paul W.	33055809	Pvt	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Wissman, Earl W.	33003351	Pvt	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Spetelli, Andrew	6903848	Sgt	Apr 1, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Fleming, Richard	32007109	Pfc	Apr 1, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Valente, Oliver D.	16045221	Pfc	Apr 1, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Carlson, William	37300685	Pvt	Apr 2, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Fayne, Marvin F.	15047671	T-5	Feb 21, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Walker, Norman K.	15046060	T-4	Feb 21, 1943 Tunisia
Missing in Action	3rd Battalion	Wassalg, George B.	35121830	T-5	Feb 21, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in Action	Hq and Hq Co	Geek, Wayne E.	0-319129	Major	May 8, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in Action	Hq and Hq Co	Robinson, Clarence	36003427	Pfc	Dec 3, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in Action	Hq and Hq Co	Good, Evan E.	39375610	T-4	Apr 1, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in Action	Hq and Hq Co	Johnson, Holland G.	15047428	Pvt	Apr 1, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in Action	Hq and Hq Co	Lee, Robert G.	38021766	T-5	May 5, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in Action	Recon Company	Bemerle, Charles	32330735	Pvt	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia

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Wounded in Action	Rcn Company	De Pascale, Louis J.	32057977	Sgt	Nov 8, 1942	Oran
Wounded in Action	Rcn Company	Kernel, William E.	0-380014	2nd Lt	Nov 8, 1942	Oran
Wounded in Action	Rcn Company	Stach, Thaddeus W.	36102036	T-5	Nov 8, 1942	Oran
Wounded in Action	Rcn Company	Kapke, Victor E.	37002313	Sgt	Nov 10, 1942	Oran
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Lamplier, Joseph E.	31136309	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Rogers, William	34290178	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Sharbhe, Joseph J.	32067806	Sgt	Dec 2, 1942	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Boughie, Denley	36153846	Pfc	Jan 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Burch, John E.	33119941	Sgt	Jan 25, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Dammier, Robert W.	35166221	Pvt	Jan 27, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Pleasn, Anthony	6902439	Pvt	Jan 26, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Smith, Kyle M.	36047854	Sgt	Jan 25, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Spinson, Gene	36162540	Pvt	Jan 25, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Kneip, Stephen	36128032	Pfc	Mar 20, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Jechus, August J.	35152600	T-5	Apr 24, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Martorelli, Frank X.	32056652	Gpl	Apr 24, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Lay, William	7040798	T-4	Apr 24, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Ferby, John D.	15054083	T-5	May 7, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Halcomb, Otis G.	37101721	Pvt	May 6, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Halcomb, Ira M.	14012359	Pvt	May 6, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Panenze, Victor	36152911	Sgt	May 6, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Rcn Company	Rutten, Lee M.	36162511	Gpl	May 9, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Serv Company	Ashcraft, John	15041213	Pvt	Nov 28, 1942	Enfada
Wounded in action	Serv Company	McWay, William H.	6660216	T-5	Dec 6, 1942	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Serv Company	Bevans, John L.	15017592	T-5	Dec 28, 1942	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Serv Company	Cook, Herbert J.	32033716	T-4	Dec 29, 1942	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Serv Company	Gallins, Arthur Q.	15047252	Pfc	Jan 30, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Serv Company	Fragier, James Jr.	6988909	Pvt	Jan 30, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Mt Company	McNagars, Thomas J.	36000116	Pvt	Dec 4, 1942	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Mt Company	Behinski, Chester G.	13081258	Pvt	Apr 1, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Mt Company	Offutt, Everett B.	6669993	S/Sgt	May 5, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Bell, Carl E.	35153804	Sgt	Nov 8, 1942	Oran
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Duncan, Robert E.	6809592	Sgt	Nov 9, 1942	Oran
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Frank, Robert F.	35000484	T-5	Nov 8, 1942	Oran
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Henry Raymond J.	34172151	T-5	Nov 8, 1942	Oran
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Malin, Edgar	0-852664	2nd Lt	Nov 10, 1942	Oran
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Pavia, Charles	39167476	Pvt	Nov 9, 1942	Oran
Wounded in Action	Hq 1st Bn	Nightengale, William	6990959	Sgt	Nov 10, 1942	Oran
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Geldberg, Jerrald	0-348711	1stLt	Dec 28, 1942	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Thomas, Richard F.	0-417425	1st Lt	Dec 28, 1942	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Utsler, Louis	15042171	T-5	Dec 27, 1942	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Aud, Austin	15015210	Gpl	Dec 28, 1942	Tunisia

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Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Kerr, Lamiel E.	7041170	Pvt	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Lanham, Carlisle	7050082	S/Sgt	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Leus, Earl A.	39676586	T-4	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Chapuis, Alfons F.	32893659	S/Sgt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Fowler, Milford	37082394	Spl	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Chapman, Quentin	37635655	T-4	Dec 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Cisneros, Rafael	38027277	Pfc	Dec 27, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Greathouse, Carl B.	69922162	Sgt	Dec 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Maupin, Glen	15053855	Pfc	Dec 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Miller, George	6660188	Sgt	Dec 27, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Burney, Walter R.	95201271	T-5	Dec 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Britten, Robert	6992370	T-5	Feb 5, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Beene, Harold J.	17048482	Pfc	Mar 27, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Alafegines, James G.	36302568	T-5	Mar 27, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Hoffner, Nansen E.	33015801	Sgt	Mar 27, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Zurle, Thomas J.	36182707	T-5	Mar 22, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Ferraro, Marcello	39169442	Pfc	Feb 15, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Keitzman, Robert E.	36151251	Sgt	Mar 25, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Keering, Bonnie	34256703	Pvt	Mar 25, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Anderson, Mattin C.	32183709	Pfc	Mar 23, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Elliott, Robert W.	6659764	Sgt	Mar 23, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Jewell, James H.	33003647	T-5	Mar 24, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Krawczyk, Walter J.	31135841	Pvt	Mar 23, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Sels, Clarence O.	6661026	Sgt	Mar 23, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Stambach, Gerald M.	0-885781	2nd Lt	Mar 23, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	VanderEmbse, Charles B.	35118186	S/Sgt	Mar 28, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Dupke, Herman B.	35034770	Pvt	Mar 27, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Denevan, Daniel O.	0-452307	1st Lt	Mar 25, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Dylewski, John M.	32059659	Pfc	Mar 28, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Greenfell, John O.	33027064	S/Sgt	Apr 23, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Beensra, Randall	36154191	T-4	Apr 23, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Demsp, Walter E.	0-432403	1st Lt	Apr 23, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Beres, Thomas L.	33247414	Pfc	Apr 26, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Cox, Omar G. III	36899792	Pvt	Apr 26, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Nardquist, Martin F.	37095333	Pfc	Apr 30, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Payne, Paul M.	39838154	Pfc	Apr 1, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Friest, Lawrence	31114017	Pvt	Apr 26, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Smith, Richard L.	15010725	Pfc	Apr 30, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Szoka, Ernest S.	36227253	Sgt	Apr 30, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Cowan, Sidney S.	0-1011988	1st Lt	Apr 23, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Artale, Louis J.	32183587	Pvt	Apr 7, 1943 Tunisia

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Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Barr, Carell W.	37130073	T-5	Apr 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Blance, Arthur M.	39237509	Pvt	Apr 7, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Brown, Elmer G.	39675647	Pvt	Apr 15, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Davis, Raymond J.	33133325	Pvt	Apr 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Durdle, Max E.	36155295	S-4	Apr 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Huber, Edwin M.	33027507	Pvt	Apr 15, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Krueger, Raymond J.	36003682	Sgt	Apr 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Rehrer, Clarence	33151610	T-5	Apr 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Haynes Mayford	35212685	T-4	Apr 2, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Nettles, Hiram	34279162	Pvt	Apr 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Allen, Bartlett V.	37002103	Sgt	Apr 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Fuller, Raymond	39201674	Sgt	Apr 29, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	McClusky, Lawrence P.	6650731	Sgt	Apr 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Mearns, Frank J.	38009981	Cpl	Apr 24, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Shapiro, Jacob	0-341427	Major	Apr 22, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Stone, Howard L.	15047050	T-5	Apr 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Tendick, Fred L.	36061925	Pfc	Apr 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Tucker, Herace A.	14013719	Pvt	Apr 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Wilkins, Charlie V.	6922095	Pvt	Apr 23, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Finch, Frank	W-2104047	WO	May 8, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Ayers, Donald D.	18085809	Pfc	May 8, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Clark, Richard F.	6666017	Cpl	May 7, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Cresby, Herten H.	32136041	Pfc	May 8, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Henricksen, Harry R.	0-1013560	2nd Lt.	May 7, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Jamieson, Elma	39311959	Pvt	May 8, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Michalski, Joseph A.	33151551	Pvt	May 8, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Dinardi, George G.	32358881	Pvt	May 8, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Eastburn, Robert B.	7040103	Pvt	May 7, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Nickerson, Wilbur C.	11068135	Pvt	May 8, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Burman, Herman S.	39167388	Sgt	Apr 10, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Martin, Arthur C.	37223019	Pvt	May 7, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	McGlinsey, Andrew L.	36339651	Pvt	May 8, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	McElroy, Carl C.	38179615	Pvt	May 8, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	McKinney, Charles L.	15047015	S/sgt	May 8, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Milvae, John W.	31123432	Cpl	May 8, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 1st Bn	Studer, Wesley P.	0-452476	1st Lt.	May 7, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Greer, Thomas	34147296	Cpl	Nov 29, 1942	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Hawkins, Ellyce P.	37035616	T-5	Nov 6, 1943	Oran
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Smith, Alvin F.	37082443	Pfc	Nov 28, 1943	Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Sullins, Samuel P.	34257255	Cpl	Nov 28, 1942	Tunisia

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Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Mercer, Merion	6660280	Sgt	Nov 30, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Davis, Charles L.	0-411241	1st Lt	Nov 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Geary, Wilson	7041164	Sgt	Nov 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Barker, Verl G.	39086251	Pfc	Nov 10, 1942 Oran
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Brown, Clifton	6971231	S/Sgt	Nov 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Conroy, Earl P.	3222044	Pvt	Nov 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Kommok, William	32182220	Pfc	Nov 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Pikul, John S.	32378907	Pvt	Nov 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Pizzolongo, Joseph	32059359	Cpl	Nov 30, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Riggs, Turner	35266070	Pvt	Nov 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Spinks, Samuel	15054767	Sgt	Nov 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Morhaus, Marion	39155732	Pvt	Nov 29, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Gleason, John G.	0-405758	1st Lt	Nov 29, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Ball, Lonnie G.	7040659	T-5	Dec 3, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Gardiner, Henry B.	0-397019	Sr Col	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Maysark, James F.	0-347088	Capt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Mendeale, Joseph	8838091	Sgt	Dec 19, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Mings, Monty	15041695	Pfc	Dec 7, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Sciara, Charles	32110594	T-5	Dec 19, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Seal, Charlie F.	34145669	Pfc	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Smith, James W.	34147280	Pvt	Dec 12, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Smith, Ronald	32100612	T-5	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Smith, William	6885005	Sgt	Dec 6, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Sullivan, Joseph	32026851	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Swan, Shirley	37101607	Pfc	Dec 10, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Tovey, Michael	36151134	Pvt	Dec 19, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Van Murrelgen, Frank	32023699	Sgt	Dec 6, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Woolflin, Eugene	36046900	Pfc	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Alexander, Charles	20542713	Pvt	Dec 3, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Anderson, Lyle A.	39600257	Cpl	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Barnes, John T.	38029024	Pvt	Dec 9, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Bustos, Oden	38026969	T-4	Dec 1, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Butt, Cecil C.	38009756	T-5	Dec 8, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Caudill, Frances	35213596	Pvt	Dec 1, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Clark, Jack R.	32033822	Cpl	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Erkman, William	39077862	Cpl	Dec 14, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Fields, Robert	33116862	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Bakusak, Rudolph	38027509	T-4	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Bates, Roy A.	35212500	Pvt	Dec 4, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Bedman, Harris W.	63597767	Sgt	Dec 7, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Koetic, Nicholas	6992080	Cpl	Dec 5, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Manlio, Frank	32059845	Sgt	Dec 6, 1942 Tunisia

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Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Mollet, George W.	6686584	S/Sgt	Dec 7, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Plonk, Albert	35260003	Pvt	Dec 1, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Tapscott, Oral T.	95100555	Pvt	Dec 3, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Thompson, William A.	0-311401	Inf	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Van Osdal, Vernon D.	39309547	Pvt	Dec 5, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Wisen, Milton	32182307	Pvt	Dec 29, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Wragson, Walter	36051387	Sgt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Jacobson, Henry	38009790	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Killian, James H.	37129930	Pvt	Dec 1, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Letourneau, Norman	11056334	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Mansfield, Robert E.	7040457	Pvt	Dec 28, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	McWayne, Robert	39676613	Sgt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	McFadden, James D.	35212124	Pvt	Dec 4, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Miller, Earl	35431738	Pvt	Dec 1, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Miller, George	35110416	Pvt	Dec 1, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Mitchell, James R.	15046883	Cpl	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Bartosch, Othmar	32027092	T-5	Dec 8, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Comeak, Joe	36103333	Sgt	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Cox, George H.	39163647	Pfc	Dec 29, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Emery, George	33032175	Sgt	Dec 7, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Garrett, Gordon	35260289	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Herber, Erwin	32182907	T-5	Dec 3, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Herman, Richard	32059786	T-5	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Leasgag, Richard	13089384	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Lentini, Natale J.	6150159	Sgt	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Martinez, Louis	39163643	Pfc	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	McSwain, Herman	6857387	S/Sgt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Page, Charles	35212068	Cpl	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Ricketts, Russell J.	6818904	M/Sgt	Dec 29, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Ricketts, Verlin	6859880	Sgt	Dec 7, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Sirey, Roy	34171691	T-5	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Vincent, Thomas	36047020	Pfc	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Yonatti, Frank	38007854	T-4	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Wilson, Richard	39230105	T-5	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Wourse, Bryan	37101887	Pfc	Dec 6, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Moody, Roy	34145661	Pfc	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	O'Brien, James	39157752	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Peterson, Kenneth	37095176	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Rebuck, Roy L.	33234236	Pvt	Dec 1, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Ridley, Minnie	34145501	Pvt	Dec 10, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Ontell, Milton	32167741	Pfc	Dec 1, 1942 Tunisia

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Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Coomes, Raymond	36026298	Cpl	Dec 1, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Tyc, Stanley J.	36127023	Pvt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Walker, Phillip G.	0-429726	2nd Lt	Dec 7, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Schwarz, Robert	32286852	1st Lt	Dec 6, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Shepherd, Thomas	35129681	Pfc	Dec 1, 1942 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Brooks, Claude	15044807	Pfc	Jan 22, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Dye, Albert H.	15012985	Pvt	Jan 22, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Clarke, William	12019539	Pvt	Jan 22, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Downing, Floyd	35226905	Pvt	Jan 25, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Priester, Oletus	35260024	Pvt	Jan 28, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Skjod, Dean H.	37091162	Pvt	Jan 22, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Hampton, Vernon	15047981	T-5	Jan 22, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Spear, Howard	39082304	Pfc	Jan 22, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Robotnick, Louis R.	30600354	Pvt	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Losel, Floyd G.	39163847	Pfc	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	McCord, Finley W.	37020676	T-4	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Fuckett, Earl	6666816	Cpl	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Toye, Robert J.	0-406803	1st Lt	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Frampton, Dwight	36153934	Sgt	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Gejze, Casimir J.	36307515	Pfc	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	De La Garza, Ruben	32028963	Pfc	Apr 24, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Glendinning, Richard	0-452629	1st Lt	May 9, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Cantrell, Rolva	7041436	S/Sgt	May 5, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Fink, Lee A.	37074059	Pfc	May 5, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Grauer, Leonard W.	6855464	Sgt	May 5, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Hruby, John J.	33264819	Pfc	May 5, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Patterson, Milton H.	17032898	Cpl	May 8, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Smithers, Herman L.	37101816	Cpl	May 5, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Forney, Newell D.	37101657	Cpl	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Gardner, Paul H.	17052890	T-5	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Mahoney, Porter D.	15041614	Sgt	May 13, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Oleson, Lloyd F.	0-366962	Capt	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Coleman, Raymond	35213613	Pfc	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Locois, Roland J.	39838363	Pvt	May 7, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Porter, John L.	38013595	Pvt	May 8, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Weinrich, Herman	39082255	Sgt	May 9, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Jani, Paul J.	19054222	Cpl	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Murphy, John G.	10600309	Pvt	May 7, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Murphy, Kevin J.	32181730	Pfc	May 11, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Rolling, Eugene	6990831	T-5	May 5, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Short, Paul	35100118	S/Sgt	May 6, 1943 Tunisia

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Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Skeen, James R.	36320537	T-5	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Saymanek, Mike S.	32429651	Pvt	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Van Valkenburg, Glyde	39082350	Cpl	May 7, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Wilkes, Forrest B.	32213408	Pfc	May 8, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Zelegben, John L.	37991941	Sgt	May 8, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Golding, Charles N	6974947	Pvt	May 8, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Maass, Frank A.	12092702	Pvt	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 2nd Bn	Meade, Glenn	38022994	Sgt	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Birkholts, Ervin	37094908	Pvt	Jan 30, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Cochran, Howard B.	34003326	T-5	Jan 30, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Day, Wilfrid	39227640	Pfc	Jan 29, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Maxwell, Joe B.	6-411266	1st Lt	Jan 31, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	White, Robert H.	6926421	Pvt	Jan 30, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Baltenbach, Joseph	15011074	Cpl	Jan 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Cocoley, Floyd G.	34280983	Pvt	Jan 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Jurgens, Edwin J.	32282431	Pvt	Jan 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Stinson, Warren R.	15047017	Pfc	Jan 28, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Danforth, William R.	31035665	Pfc	Feb 3, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Erickson, Paul A.	38027036	Sgt	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Glison, Charles	38060719	Sgt	Feb 3, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Hairgrove, Bill W.	17033991	Pfc	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Miller, Robert	6984102	T-5	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Robinson, James H.	W-2110127	WO	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Umbas, Alfred	36046893	Pvt	Feb 3, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Zasula, Peter	6716618	Pvt	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Edder, William	37130014	T-5	Feb 17, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Cumberledge, Joseph	6662025	Sgt	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Garland, Claude L.	15047657	Cpl	Feb 15, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Haggard, Willie	15046258	Pvt	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Hensley, William A.	35429523	Pvt	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Jenkins, Bennie H.	7080004	T-5	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Lynch, Raymond F.	15045878	Cpl	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Yeats, Clarence	37002190	Pfc	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Abell, Earl G.	15012668	Sgt	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Adams, Orville W.	15054227	Pvt	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Chatlain, Dean F.	0-885752	2nd Lt	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Outlip, Willis H.	15011068	Pfc	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Daniels, John C.	37101723	Pvt	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Ferris, Harley	35152448	Pvt	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Fitzgerald, Amos C.	37101743	Pvt	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Fragie, Robert D.	38056618	Pvt	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia

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Wounded in action	US	Inf	Walton, Harold E.	5921959	Sgt	Feb 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Warr, Roy L.	17002334	Pfc	Feb 2, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Warr, Stanley D.	15004816	Pvt	Feb 9, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Watts, Thomas J.	13034518	T-5	Feb 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Watts, Robert J.	15004801	T-4	Feb 2, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wayborn, Joe A.	577788	Private	Feb 2, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Waters, William E.	15002808	T-5	Feb 2, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Warner, Dwight S.	84002779	1st Lt	Feb 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wash, John	15004808	Pvt	Feb 21, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wash, Joe B.	0-261574	Capt	Feb 2, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Watt, James A.	15002843	Cpl	Mar 2, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Watts, George W.	15004780	Sgt	Feb 21, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Watt, Henry F.	77101763	T-3	Feb 22, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wattwell, Ernest G.	15004782	Pvt	Feb 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Waters, Charles E.	11100164	Pvt	Feb 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Watt, McKinley F.	15004774	Sgt	Feb 21, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Watt, James	67001724	Pvt	Feb 22, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Watt, Leonard	70000946	Cpl	Feb 22, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wattman, Bernard	50007048	Pfc	Feb 22, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Watts, Matthew	15002772	Pfc	Feb 7, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wapshlager, Arnold E.	57071287	T-4	Feb 22, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wapshlager, Joseph	71115646	Pvt	Feb 22, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wade, Robert L.	7007194	Sgt	Feb 22, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, John	50005007	Sgt	Apr 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, Ben A. Jr.	4-251572	1st Col	Apr 2, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, Steven	15002833	Pvt	Apr 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, Arthur	91001946	Pvt	Apr 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, Norman	15002871	Pvt	Apr 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, Oliver R.	12111643	Pvt	Apr 2, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, John W.	6600188	Sgt	Apr 2, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, Tom	31114407	Pvt	Apr 4, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, Thomas	0-152899	1st Lt	Apr 4, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, Richard	15002852	Pvt	Apr 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, William	10017737	Sgt	Apr 2, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, Marvin	99001558	S-1st	Apr 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, James	15013041	Cpl	Apr 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, William	15002890	T-4	Apr 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, Cecil E.	15002812	Sgt	Apr 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, George	0-152860	2nd Lt	Apr 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, John F.	11102511	Pvt	Mar 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, Norman	0-201978	Cpl	Mar 1, 1945 Tunisia
Wounded in action	US	Inf	Wadsworth, Paul	15013042	Pvt	Mar 7, 1945 Tunisia

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Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Barnes, James G.	34288649	Pvt	May 5, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Campbell, William	39212810	Pfc	May 5, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Collins, Charles A.	31134132	Pvt	May 5, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Cowley, Hansel	18018660	T-5	May 5, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Davidson, Daniel J.	12066585	Pvt	May 4, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Klinger, Richard	36155017	Cpl	May 4, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Quinn, John R.	6332060	S/Sgt	May 4, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Hendley, John B.	37101842	Pfc	May 5, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Hill, Robert R.	37101696	Cpl	May 5, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Jones, Jefferson	6275679	T-5	May 5, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Russell, Fred	15013069	T-4	May 5, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Joseph, Mike D.	33032775	Cpl	May 4, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Shelton, John L.	15045832	Pfc	May 5, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Smith, Robert J.	6929291	S/SGT	May 4, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Klein, Fred	0-450454	1st Lt	May 2, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Barker, Allan	36040264	T-5	May 7, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Johnson, Glabe	37101699	Pfc	May 7, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Willard, Arthur	36102258	Sgt	May 7, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Mojon, Roger	31010927	Pvt	May 7, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Riley, Raymond	15012868	T/SGT	May 8, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Stephens, Arnel F.	15046047	Pfc	May 7, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Stevens, Kenneth	6658271	Pvt	May 9, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Medics	Doody, Michael J.	36047611	T-5	May 6, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Medics	Ferguson, Granton	7041706	Pvt	May 6, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Medics	Whitaker, William B.	38065577	T-5	May 8, 1943	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Medics	Heady, James E.	37003220	S/SGT	Nov 28, 1942	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Medics	Lanchak, Milton	33026492	T-5	Nov 28, 1942	Tunisie
Wounded in action	Medics	Stenberg, Sherman	0-405899	Capt	Dec 6, 1942	Tunisie
Killed in action	Hq and Hq Co	Dunn, Ollie P.	34281778	Pvt	Apr 1, 1943	Tunisie
Killed in action	Ron Company	Moore, Parke P.	35152146	Sgt	Dec 2, 1942	Tunisie
Killed in action	Ron Company	Patton, Ralph	0-1012517	2nd Lt	Dec 10, 1942	Tunisie
Killed in action	Ron Company	White, Leonard	0-1012569	2nd Lt.	Dec 7, 1942	Tunisie
Killed in action	Ron Company	Brown, Eldridge	0-422613	1st Lt	Jan 23, 1943	Tunisie
Killed in action	Ron Company	Bryant, Floyd E.	15053934	Sgt	Mar 20, 1943	Tunisie
Killed in action	Ron Company	Ward, Raymond	35152395	T-5	May 1, 1943	Tunisie
Killed in action	Ron Company	Miller, Victor	6992391	Pfc	May 6, 1943	Tunisie
Killed in action	Ron Company	Norman, William	0-411272	1st Lt	May 5, 1943	Tunisie
Killed in action	Ron Company	Wilson, Justus	15054494	Pvt	May 6, 1943	Tunisie
Killed in action	Serv Company	Lane, Joe D.	15047309	T-5	Nov 29, 1942	Tunisie
Killed in action	Serv Company	Binford, Robert E.	38029217	T-5	Feb 14, 1943	Tunisie
Killed in action	Serv Company	Eriscoe, Luke R.	6659959	Pfc	Feb 14, 1943	Tunisie
Killed in action	Serv Company	Coonar, Vernon	6666960	Pvt	Feb 14, 1943	Tunisie

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Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Todd, John H.	0-330365	Lt Col	Dec 28, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Blackburn, John F.	0-453497	2nd Lt	Dec 10, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Seabaugh, Alva	37129985	Pvt	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Bollason, Frank	37002606	Spl	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Briles, Edgar	37002694	T-4	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Bris, Edgar	37002695	T-4	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Minoz, Jose	38028845	Pvt	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Sanderson, Clarence	11056259	Pvt	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Sandy, William	31006456	S/Sgt	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Santpa, Joseph	31015541	Sgt	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Schroeder, John R.	37129587	T-5	Dec 11, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Baylis, James J.	36159592	Pfc	Nov 29, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Brown, Harold	36183445	Pvt	Nov 29, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Compass, Nicholas	32026946	Cpl	Nov 29, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Robb, David K.	0-452637	1st Lt	Dec 5, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Walker, William V.	70400995	T-4	Dec 28, 1942 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Westover, Cedric	11015616	Pvt	Mar 27, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Zahn, Henry J.	36161995	Pfc	Mar 22, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Bartan, Kenneth E.	35212513	T-5	Mar 23, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Dodd, Cullis	18159757	Pvt	Mar 31, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Geraty, James R.	0-292598	Capt	Apr 22, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Granhelm, Harold A.	0-1012747	2nd Lt	Apr 23, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Baker, Charlie	37101714	Pvt	Apr 25, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Digaomo, Peter	32059875	Pvt	Apr 29, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Killey, Philip G.	0-412763	Capt	Apr 22, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Lee, Jeremiah	36159090	S/Sgt	Apr 29, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Patchell, Charles R.	11072181	Pvt	Apr 1, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Probstfeld, Edgar	0-452677	Capt	Apr 22, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Scott, Jesse G.	15047031	T-4	Apr 29, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Riley, Ralph	35259694	T-5	Apr 23, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Alvey, James V.	38009787	T-5	Apr 23, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Bokleyaki, E. J.	36306608	Pvt	Apr 1, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Gotterman, Robert F.	69888888	T-5	Apr 23, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Miller, John F.	34119492	Pfc	Apr 23, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Oliver, Johnie	34441698	Pvt	Apr 23, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Stiff, Walter B.	0-452623	1st Lt	Apr 23, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Banker, Harold J.	0-450573	Sgt Lt	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Genant, Robert	0-375260	1st Lt	May 8, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Mitchell, Carl	32420130	Pvt	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Dennis, Richard G.	11640184	T-5	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Green, Thomas	0-323567	Capt	May 7, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 1st Bn	Dreisenge, Elmer	36159308	T-4	May 8, 1943 Tunisia

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Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Hibler, George	1212109	Pfc	Nov 8, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Hiltner, Carl A.	1212283	Pvt	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Hirsh, Carl	12122119	Pvt	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Hirsh, Joseph	12122115	Pfc	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Hix, James E.	12122112	Sgt	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Hoffman, Walter	12122224	Pvt	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Jahlik, Maximo	12122706	1st Lt	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Jankovic, Stephen	12122772	Cpl	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Jayar, Alexander Jr.	12122744	Cpl	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Jice, Herbert	12122999	Pfc	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Hittung, A. E.	12122117	Pfc	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Shain, Alvin	12122118	P-5	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Paterno, John	12122974	Pvt	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	McNeill, George	12122205	P-5	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	McNeil, Harold E.	12122206	P-5	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Diack, Kenneth	12122722	Pvt	Nov 20, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Berg, Leonard	12122764	Pvt	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Antonetti, Robert	12122727	Cpl	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Brinkley, James E.	12122553	Cpl	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Brown, Charles	12122112	Sgt	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Bruchstein, Anton G.	12122718	Pvt	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Reynolds, Lester	12122222	T-4	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Risteman, Melvin	12122112	Pfc	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Trancone, Johnnie E.	12122223	Pfc	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Wright, Wilford	12122222	Cpl	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Wendell, Bill	12122922	Cpl	Dec 7, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Carstenfeld, Irving	12122772	Pvt	Dec 7, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Feiler, William L.	12122714	Cpl	Dec 7, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Walters, John J.	12122777	Pvt	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Young, Clifford	12122222	Pvt	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Barnstein, Max	12122222	Sgt	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Fletcher, James	12122222	Sgt	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Ouilley, Roosevelt	12122222	Sgt	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Honey, Willard G.	12122222	Pvt	Dec 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Curry, James M.	12122112	1st Lt	Nov 7, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Logan, James E.	12122222	Pvt	Nov 8, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Brickley, Michael E.	12122772	Pvt	Nov 8, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Gerhardt, Richard	12122112	P-5	Nov 8, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Wheeler, Leonard	12122222	P-5	Nov 8, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Wilson, David E.	12122112	Sgt	Nov 8, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Wicks, Douglas J.	12122222	Pvt	Nov 8, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	44 Inf Bn	Woolfite, Roger	12122222	Pvt	Nov 8, 1943 Tunisia

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Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Gellegos, Ramiro	38022619	Cpl	Jan 17, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Schaefer, Roland H.	0-377246	2nd Lt	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Woods, Owen O.	0-415849	1st Lt	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Dowdell, Othie V.	15045363	Sgt	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Rumton, Melvin A.	15045724	Cpl	Feb 15, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Rumsey, Robert E.	8388073	Sgt	Feb 15, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Mead, Theodore S.	15046074	T-4	May 9, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Sasser, James	7087094	T-5	Feb 16, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Thumms; William H.	38112059	Pfc	Feb 15, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Timmerman, Jay C.	37140932	Pfc	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Van Nest; Irvin D.	38064158	Pfc	Feb 15, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Ball, James D.	0-425466	2nd Lt	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Estes, James E.	15045392	S/Sgt	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Holland, Charles S.	15045802	T-5	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Bunter, Clarence	6927983	T/Sgt	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Jordan, James E.	15046147	Cpl	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Morgan; Ralph E.	7087170	T-4	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Smith, Carl J.	15013017	T-4	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Speller, Wilbert J.	6243530	1st Sgt	Feb 2, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Katopian, Stephen	33021175	T-5	Feb 1, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Schreiber, Roger	39182372	Pvt	Apr 8, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Herlevic, Pete	6360492	S/Sgt	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Miller, Jesse	37432856	Pvt	May 6, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Pagay, Jerrell	38042318	Sgt	May 5, 1943 Tunisia
Killed in action	Hq 3rd Bn	Rudynski, Richard T.	6668844	T-4	Apr 4, 1943 Tunisia
Died of wounds	Hq 1st Bn	Costa, Anthony	32330881	Pvt	May 7, 1943 Tunisia
Died of wounds	Hq 1st Bn	Anderson, Willard	39676241	T-4	Dec 12, 1942 Tunisia
Died of wounds	Hq 2nd Bn	Johnson; Clifford	39301456	Pvt	Nov 30, 1942 Tunisia
Died of wounds	Hq 2nd Bn	Evans; Harold H.	6658796	S/Sgt	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Died of wounds	Hq 2nd Bn	Adkins, Wilbur E.	35091223	T-5	Dec 3, 1942 Tunisia
Died of wounds	Hq 2nd Bn	Kuck, Arnold	36153044	Cpl	Dec 2, 1942 Tunisia
Died of wounds	Hq 3rd Bn	New, Earl	7080764	T-4	Apr 1, 1943 Tunisia
Died of wounds	Hq 3rd Bn	Krifka, Nicholas	33140541	Pvt	May 1, 1943 Tunisia

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Col.	Benson, C. C.	0-3698	CCB #7 '43	21 - 25 Feb '43
Lt. Col.	Bruss, Hyman	0-311696	CCB #7 '42	19-Nov-42
Lt. Col.	Carr, Frank F.	0-24504	1 AD #49 '43	1 - 8 May '43
Lt. Col.	Crosby, Ben G.	0-281092	1 AD #11 '43	20 Feb '43
Major	Gardiner, Henry E.	0-397013	CCB #1, '43	29 Nov '42
Major	Blodgett, Harold F.	0-307439	1 AD #43 '43	23 Apr '43
Major	Simmerman, James S.	0-365990	CCB #6 '43	17 Feb '43
Capt.	Johnson, George A.	0-328321	CCB #4 '43	21 - 25 Jan '43
Capt.	Long, David T.	0-301892	CCB #6 '42	9 Nov '42
Capt.	Gowell, Gerald E.	0-24174	CCB #6 '42	10 Nov '42
Capt.	Green, Thomas A.	0-323567	1 AD #70 '43	7 May '43
Capt.	Hatcher, Wilbert H.	0-363997	CCB #4 '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Capt.	Menard, George L.	0-299331	CCB #4 '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Capt.	Ralston, Cecil E.	0-316438	1 AD #65 '43	6 May '43
Capt.	Siegel, Morris	0-418512	1 AD #69 '43	24 Mar - 3 Apr '43
Lt. Col.	Howse, Hamilton H.	0-18088	1 AD #48 '43	8 May '43
Lt. Col.	Todd, John H.	0-330365	CCB #12 '43	8 - 10 Nov '42

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Capt.	Van Zant, Robert E.	0-319983	CCB #6 '43	17 Feb '43
Capt.	Yeiter, Gerald S.	0-393394	CCB #4 '43	21 - 28 Jan '43
Capt.	Shapiro, Jacob	0-341427	CCB #13 '43	8 - 10 Nov '43
1st Lt.	Cornea, Zachary J.	0-411246	1 AD #62 '43	8 May '43
1st Lt.	Curry, James M.	0-324196	1 AD #65 '43	6 May '43
1st Lt.	Dempsey, George R.	0-452335	1 AD #62 '43	8 May '43
1st Lt.	Genant, Robert E.	0-375260	1 AD #71 '43	8 May '43
1st Lt.	Gleason, John C.	0-405758	CCB #6 '43	17 Feb '43
1st Lt.	Goldberg, Jerrold	0-348711	CCB #12 '43	26 Dec '42
1st Lt.	Killay, Philip H.	0-412763	CCB #4 '43	10 Dec '42
1st Lt.	McGravy, Dan W.	0-327873	CCB #12 '43	21 - 28 Jan '43
1st Lt.	Thompson, William D.	0-314401	CCB #12 '43	2 Dec '43
1st Lt.	Van Nostrand, Richard K.	0-453546	CCB #4 '43	21 - 28 Jan '43
1st Lt.	Varnier, Dwight S.	0-402787	1 AD #69 '43	31 Jan '43
1st Lt.	Walker, Philip G.	0-429726	CCB #1 '43	6 Dec '43
1st Lt.	Williams, George W.	0-322653	CCB #6 '43	17 Feb '43
1st Lt.	Broom, Elbridge F.	0-422613	CCB #5 '43	22 Jan '43
2nd Lt.	Chetani, Dean P.	0-453496	CCB #30 '43	23 Apr '43
2nd Lt.	Donovan, Daniel O.	0-452307	CCB #6 '42	8 - 10 Nov '43
2nd Lt.	Downs, Walter E.	0-432403	CCB #6 '42	8 - 9 Nov '43
2nd Lt.	Edminston, Edward J.	0-860453	AFHQ #28 '43	15 Dec '42
2nd Lt.	Malin, Edger F.	0-452664	AFHQ #28 '43	15 Dec '42
2nd Lt.	Kennel, William E.	0-380014	CCB #4 '43	21 - 28 Jan '43
2nd Lt.	Patton, Ralph D.	0-1012517	CCB #5 '43	10 Dec '42
S/Sgt.	Bexter, Frank L.	34100697	1 AD #69 '43	6 Apr '43
S/Sgt.	Dorsey, Wiley G.	34023741	1 AD #71 '43	6 May '43
S/Sgt.	Gaylord, Carl W.	6659194	1 AD #11 '43	20 Feb '43
S/Sgt.	Kapenga, Jarvis	36153601	1 AD #71 '43	2 Dec '42
S/Sgt.	Lenham, Carlisle	7040082	CCB #12 '43	12 Dec '42
S/Sgt.	McSwain, Herman C.	6857387	CCB #17 '43	2 Dec '42
S/Sgt.	Payne, William E.	6660189	1 AD #49 '43	23 Apr '43
S/Sgt.	Riddle, William W.	6666156	1 AD #69 '43	8 Apr '43
S/Sgt.	Shaffron, Hick T.	35201248	CC/B #1 '43	29 Dec '42
S/Sgt.	Twitty, Edgar W.	6380093	1 AD #67 '43	20 Feb '43
S/Sgt.	Vonder Embse, Charles B.	35118186	CCB #1 '43	28 Dec '42
S/Sgt.	Mollatt, George W.	6636854	CCB #12 '43	8 Dec '42
Sgt.	Bell, Carl	35153004	CCB #12 '43	8 Nov '42
Sgt.	Blair, Earl G.	38026932	1 AD #49 '43	23 Apr '43
Sgt.	Cordell, Haverl	6984090	CCB #4 '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Sgt.	De Pascale, Louis	32059797	1 AD #49 '43	8 Nov '42
Sgt.	Du Bois, Leo B.	32026973	1 AD #49 '43	23 Apr '43
Sgt.	Friedwald, Herbert	32007167	CCB #4 '43	21 - 28 Jan '43
Sgt.	Fuller, Raymond E.	39301671	CCB #1 '43	28 Dec '43
Sgt.	Fugate, James D.	699231	CCB #7 '42	19 Nov '42
Sgt.	Germale, Joseph	32033765	1 AD #69 '43	9 May '43
Sgt.	Gilreath, Elwood F.	37035732	CCB #4 '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Sgt.	Gray, Paul E.	6984503	CCB #12 '43	6 Dec '42
Sgt.	Lentini, Natabe J.	6150159	CCB #9 '43	21 Feb '43
Sgt.	Moore, Parke F.	35152146	CCB #5 '43	2 Dec '42
Sgt.	Smart, George T.	7040996	CCB #5 '43	10 Dec '42
Sgt.	Storer, Kenneth G.	37002742	CCB #7 '42	9 Nov '42
Sgt.	Van Oss, Jay L.	36153576	CCB #1 '43	28 Dec '42
Sgt.	Whalen, James R.	36162336	CCB #1 '43	28 Dec '42

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T/4	Carlock, Olvis O.	38027300	CGB #7 '43	17 Feb '43
T/4	Cunningham, LeMoyne R.	37034310	CGB #8 '42	18 Dec '42
T/4	Frazier, Johnnie A.	7040267	CGB #1 '43	2 Dec '42
T/4	Leus, Karl A.	35876586	CGB #12 '43	12 Dec '42
T/4	Norman, Tinsley W.	15045848	1 AD #30 '43	Apr '43
T/4	Rudynoski, Richard T.	6668844	1 AD #39 '43	4 Apr '43
T/4	Smith, Lyle	36047854	CGB #12 '43	25 Dec '42
T/4	Waldsmith, Robert H.	39230915	1 AD #64 '43	6 May '43
Cpl.	Clemmens, Thomas D.	32059838	CGB #1 '43	29 Dec '42
Cpl.	Fowler, Milfred M.	37002394	CGB #12 '43	2 Dec '42
Cpl.	Honey, Ira L.	36011858	1 AD #69 '43	1 Apr '43
Cpl.	Radcliffe, Rodgist	39230859	CGB #4 '43	24 Jan '43
Cpl.	Seal, Charlie F.	34145669	CGB #4 '43	24 Jan '43
Cpl.	Scheufler, Elvin E.	39082304	1 AD #62 '43	7 May '43
T/5	Barr, Carroll	37130073	CGB #12 '43	12 Dec '42
T/5	Burnop, Walter R.	35201271	CGB #12 '43	23 Dec '42
T/5	Quikan, Richard P.	35322235	1 AD #43 '43	23 Apr '43
T/5	Farley, John D.	15054083	1 AD #61 '43	5 May '43
T/5	Frost, Robert F.	35000484	CGB #4 '42	11 Nov '42
T/5	Henry, Raymond J.	34162151	CGB #12 '43	8 Nov '42
T/5	Sircey, Roy L.	34171631	CGB #12 '43	2 Dec '42
T/5	Walker, Russell W.	37101619	1 AD #69 '43	6 - 9 May '43
Pfc.	Bafaro, Frank J.	36307772	1 AD #49 '43	23 Apr '43
Pfc.	Gall, Edward E.	15055783	1 AD #67 '43	21 Feb '43
Pfc.	Maupin, Glen H.	15053855	CGB #12 '43	28 Dec '42
Pfc.	Morris, Ralph E.	33031765	1 AD #39 '43	1 Apr '43
Pfc.	Miller, Victor C.	6992391	1 AD #63 '43	6 May '43
Pvt.	Black, William J.	37002280	1 AD #56 '43	23 Apr '43
Pvt.	Boklowski, Edwin J.	36303804	CGB #1 '43	28 Dec '42
Pvt.	Brown, Lawrence E.	15045869	1 AD #11 '43	20 Feb '43
Pvt.	Dennis, Richard	11640084	1 AD #62 '43	25 Apr '43
Pvt.	Ferguson, Arthur F.	7040654	CGB #12 '43	29 Dec '42
Pvt.	Fulkerson, Ralph G.	35166170	CGB #1 '43	2 Dec '42
Pvt.	Garrett, Gordon	35260289	CGB #12 '43	2 Dec '42
Pvt.	Kerr, Lemuel E.	7041170	CGB #12 '43	12 Dec '42
Pvt.	MoVey, Harry F.	15056393	1 AD #16 '43	23 Feb '43
Pvt.	Nordquist, Martin F.	37095333	CGB #12 '43	12 Dec '42
Pvt.	Porter, Fred	38029526	CGB #1 '43	28 Dec '42
Pvt.	Powell, Richard H.	6659460	CGB #5 '42	9 Nov '42
Pvt.	Sullivan, Joseph D.	32026851	CGB #5 '43	2 Dec '42

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OAK LEAF CLUSTER (SILVER STAR):

Col.	Benson, S. C.	0-3689	II Corps #24 '43	24 Mar '43
Maj.	Gardiner, Henry E.	0-397013	CCB #12 '43	3 Dec '42
Maj.	Gardiner, Henry E.	0-397013	CCB #4 '43	21 Jan '43

SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

S/Sgt.	Fry, Harry C.	6659194	1 AD #30 '43	7 Apr '43
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PURPLE HEART AND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART:

All personnel wounded or killed in action (see attached list) have been awarded a Purple Heart, and Oak Leaf Cluster in appropriate cases, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended.

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Lt. Col.	Cairns, Bogardus S.	0-18798	1 British Army '43	2 - 12 Dec '42
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CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM:

B. Gen. Robinett, P. M. O-10258 19 Corps '43 21 - 24 Jan '43

CROIX DE GUERRE WITH GOLD STAR:

Lt. Col.	Cairns, Bogardus S.	O-18798	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Major	Gardiner, Henry E.	O-397013	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Major	Abbott, Harry P.	O-219676	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Major	Philipsborn, Martin M. Jr.	O-370523	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Major	Smart, Wayne D.	O-298516	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Capt.	Johnson, George A.	O-328321	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Capt.	Menard, George L.	O-299331	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Capt.	Yeater, Gerald S.	O-392394	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
1st Lt.	McGravy, Ben W.	O-327873	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
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2nd Lt.	Kennel, William E.	O-380014	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
W.O. (JG)	Colley, John H.	W-2110113	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43

CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER STAR:

T/Sgt.	Scott, Harry	39525209	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
S/Sgt.	Hironymous, Arnold	39077949	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Sgt.	Cordell, Hewel	6984090	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Sgt.	Friedwald, Herbert	32007167	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Sgt.	Gilreath, Elwood F.	37035732	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Cpl.	Radcliffe, Rodgist	39230859	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
Cpl.	Seal, Charlie F.	34145669	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43
T/5	Hampton, Vernon	15047301	#49 19 Corps '43	21 - 24 Jan '43

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DATE 8TH NOVEMBER 1942

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0150		No Surf beach 3 ¹ / ₂ deep at 50 yds, natives friendly landing un-expected. No troops at Lourmel. Telephone line at Signal Station.	S-2	C.O. Green
x	2	0230		Natives confirm our order battle. Say nearest tanks	Oran S-2	II Corps
x	3	0315		Natives confirm our order battle. Say nearest tanks	Oran S-2	S.O. Green
x	4	0325		Rcn plat beginning to move into assembly area	S-2	Green
x	5	0340		It. Kennel in assembly area green beach very soft, wide, good exits, white beach narrow, steep, good exists.	S-2	C.O.
x	6	0603		We are moving out now.	Rcn	S-2
	0630	7	0630	P-1 expects to unload at 0645 hrs.	Cairns	C.O. 13th
x	8	0700		Report location every 1/2 hour.	S-2	Rcn
x	9	0720		C.O. 13th landed at 0718 hrs.	Long	C.G.
x	10	0725		Lt. Kennel's group being attacked at Lourmel.	Rcn	S-2
x	11	0725		8 prisoners, 4 horses, 12 rifles taken prisoners anxious to join us, information offered freely state tanks and armored cars of 2nd Chasseurs at Mascara.	S-2	CTF
x	12	0729		What is Kennel attacked by. Give full details.	S-2	Rcn
x	13	0732		Kennel attacked at Lourmel. No further details available.	Rcn	S-2
x	14	0734		Contact with enemy at Lourmel 0700, no further details available.	S-2	CTF
x	15	0737		Have you any information re paratroops.	S-2	L-5
x	16	0740		Your 0737 answer No.	L-5	S-2
x	17	0750		Rcn plat. reports contact at Lourmel. No further details available.	S-2	1st Bn 6th Inf.
x	18	0810		Prisoners state French very short of ammunition & estimated 100 rds. per btry at Tlemcen, say foreign legion at Sidi.	CG	CTF
x	19	0820		Rcn plat asks help at Lourmel.	S-2	1st Bn 13th
x	20	0824		What is attacking you?	S-2	Rcn
x	21	0847		What happened to the sailors at the signal station & what time was phone line cut.	S-2	1st Bn 6th Inf.
x	22	0930		Inspector of police Lourmel says small arm cars at Misserghin.	S-2	C.G. 1-13th 1-6th
x	23	0946		It is over they were snipers and have left.	Rcn	S-2
x	24	0958		Snipers who impeded Rcn Plat. driven off plat. proceeding on mission.	S-2	CTF
x	25	0958		What is general situation CTF & elsewhere.	S-2	CTF
x	26	1202		Report same as 1000 hrs. except additional Prisoners taken detail has been given.	S-2	CTF

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IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		27	1205	701st Firing on Enemy rd. block 500 yds Helramel, defended by enemy Inf.		INTERCEPT
x		28	1216	Enemy rd block at Helramel being fired on 75mm of reg. Ren pl. 1st 13th S-2		
x		29	1220	Lt. Kennel section was attacked 2 miles, no casualties, 2 armd cars fired several rds. piercing peep. He could not get this information through.	Ren	S-2
x		30	1325	Report no change.	S-2	CTF
x	x	31	1415	Report situation of Van Nostrand.	S-2	Ren
x		32	1455	Not in contact with Van Nostrand yet.	Ren	S-2
x		33	1455	Still fighting cross country location EFT. destroyed enemy road block.	1st 13th	S-2
x		34	1500	No change enemy situation.	S-2	CTF
x		35	1630	Btry of arty captured at St Leu this morning has been identified as 3rd Btry 68th Perregaux & Dublineau reported friendly no contact with forward legion. INTERCEPT	CCB	II Corps
x		36	1630	Have at our CP cops of Cran Div. & other prisoners. Requested location your CB to send them forward. INTERCEPT	CCB	II Corps
x		37	1930	Prisoner states alerted 0700 today as 140 ships approaching didn't expect debarkation until tomorrow. Political discussions strictly forbidden but political opinions equally forbidden between Vichy and cooperation with anyone opposing Hitler, will obey orders to fire on us, if given the fourth troop of 2nd Chassat in only.	S-2	CTF

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IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0650	No ammunition used, no casualties 160 Gal. 85 octane gas needed 6 Officers 36 men captured position of C.P. the same. 1st section withdrawn to C.P. 2nd 3rd, 4th Sections.	Rcn	S-2
x		2	1600	1 Co. Inf. 3 M/C 6 W/C w/sidearms reported in woods 2 miles no. of Ouedinbert will not fight large oil fire reported by 2 sec. at Perregaux.	Rcn	S-2
x	x	3	0720	Will be moving on rd to ultimate objective shortly, keep a sharp watch for hostile troops approaching from Sidi stay on the tail of any such moving columns and report often.	S-2	Rcn
x		4	0844	Large tanks with arty attacking our Rcn at Lucien 0750 hrs.	C.O. 13th	CCB
x		5	0907	Hour msg re attack at St. Lucien indicates troops moving north from Sidi on rd to St. Barbe as prisoners have said tank Co. at Sidi, you may expect the foreign legion too.	S-2	CCB
x		6	0940	Strong opposing force of Inf. Arty and MCHZD in St. Cloud area in Senia still held by opposition. No opposition in this area at present Tafarioui in our hands. Keep contact with force to south.	CCB	D10. 13th
x		7	0940	La Senia still fighting.	CCB	II AC
x		8	0945	Green flying column captured 500 prisoners & 60 planes.	CCB	II AC
x		9	0945	For A.S. control request immediate Rcn of area south of St. Barbe Du Thelat, Tafarout for enemy heavy tanks advancing to north from Sidi Bel Abbas last reported in St. Lucien by RN elements this CMP	CCB	CG II AC
x		10	0955	For AS control request immediate fighter support straffing for advance flying column CCB green now holding La Senia air Drome still fighting	CCB	II AC
x		11	0955	Green flying column moving to Oran La Senia at 0400 hrs.	CCB	II AC
x		12	1125	Misserghin strongly defended by Arty Inf. and armd cars British agent advises defenders will fall back on heights of Oran where a Div. is available for defence of city. A friendly native jew reports a senegalese company in Ain Tenouchent plus a few french.	S-2	CCB
x		13	1125	Report enemy situation at present time.	S-2	Rcn
x		14	1225	Patrols report no enemy activity south of Lake Sebkra to St. Maur & Anelarba, no activity in St. Dennis area, one section observing at St. Barbe help has been sent to 3 grounded transports & Injured north of Maur.	S-2	Rcn
x		15	1302	Snipers located in east Central edge of Lake Sebkra. Bridge at Perregaux blocked by 100 hostile Inf. in blue uniforms. Civilians say more expected. Natives friendly.	Rcn	CCB S-2 C.O.13th
x		16	1304	Objective one is under arty barrage from point south of St. Barbe. Planes taking off.	Rcn	CCB
x		17	1315	What are other elements of CTF encountering & what is situation at La Senia & Tafaroui.	S-2	CCB
x		18	1348	Btry firing on this field, Todd is at La Senia please notify Robinett, heavy arty probably CA at Oran firing on Todd.	1st Bn	CCB

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IN OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 19	1400	Enemy at 987485 under observation road block at bridge 000577 defended by Inf. & engrs.	S-2	Ren
x 20	1448	Destroy planes captured at La Senia fighter section now engaged 10 miles SE will be sent to support you as soon as possible	CCB	1st Bn
x 21	1500	Am attempting to con position.	1st Bn	13th
x 22	1528	Being shelled by very heavy arty at long range cannot see gun flashes arty officer believe them to be Oran heavy coastal guns or 155's. No damage yet but burst coming closer. A few Duds amoust shells.	S-2	CCB
x 23	1610	2 French policemen properly identified report all foreign legion in Sidi Bel Abbes have moved out & a heavy force is concentrated along the river at Les Trembles. Some heavy guns have been moved up into place at this point. Not in our territory, but it might be of value.	Ren	S-2
x 24	1610	75mm guns at Mascara. French tanks reported there also by a civilian reinforcements to necessary at Mascara. Ren moved tonight. Frenchmen say tank moved from St. Berbe to Valmy and still there.	RCN	S-2
x 25	1602	Ren Co. reports 75's and tanks at Mascara, other tanks reported at Valmy. Sources of above civilians reports Ren plat green reports all troops have moved and heavy force concentrated along river at Les Trembles, some heavy guns there may. I may have an equal amount of information for you.	S-2	CCB CIF

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IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0732	Quiet night, arty opened on us from near Valmy at 0700 hrs. No hits as yet, Officers prisoners at La Senia, Pro Petain	S-2	CTF
x		2	0830	3rd plat ren co. & 1 Co. 701st holding Rio Salado at 1800 hrs. yesterday, 1st plat reports all clear five miles east of S ² . Barbe at 0800 hrs.	S-2	Rcn
x		3	0828	Last contact with 3rd plat 1800 hrs. yesterday. No radio communication with him.	Rcn	S-2
x		4	0835	Are you in contact with Van Nostrand yet, if so get us a report direct from him immediately.	S-2	Rcn
x		5	1000	Take a 193 to Van at Salado block so he can report regularly take his track, in exchange. What information have you of troops moving north, from Sidi. Let me know.	S-2	Rcn
x		6	1015	Major Schule reports Col. Waters in center of Oran.	S-2	1st Bn
x		7	1046	Green TF now united with 2 under control CCB Periodic reports from this time stopped unless asked for.	CCB	CTF
x		8	1100	One of our columns in Oran reports there are no Inf. there all public buildings seen barricaded. (INTERCEPT)		CTF
x		9	1100	One column reports entering Oran vicinity of hospital, have encountered no opposition as yet. (INTERCEPT*)		CTF
x		10	1120	Has La Senia been taken or by passed what resistance is still there reply urgent.	S-2	13th
x		11	1130	La Senia has been by passed. Snipers & MG fire still at La Senia.	S-2	C.O. 13th
x		12	1138	To Snol Ray no armd vehicles sighted from St Bel Abbes to St. Lucien or therefo, Ani Temouchent to Tekbalet, no armd vehicles sighted.	Main Beach	C.O. 13th
x		13	1145	Keep in constant touch with me.	S-2	Rcn
x		14	1145	No movements of troops seen this AM south of Valmy. No armd cars seen on roads from Sidi or Ain.	S-2	CCB CTF
x		15	1210	One Regt 16 is in eastern part Oran one Bn of another Rgt en route to Oran location unknown our own column in center of city and will procede to east as orders to knock out any resistance to 1st Div. No information regarding force on left available.	CCB	C.O. 13th
x		16	1250	Gen. Oliver proceeding to Oran to receive capitulation from French commander.	CCB	C.O. 13th
x		17	1440	Put plan A in effect CCB has priority on rds. 1405	CCB	S-2
x		18	1530	Kern will send trucks and will expect H/T's at Grand Hotel Gen. says your arrangements on prisoners OK.	CCB	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

DATE -- NOVEMBER 30TH 1942

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	2045	French sources report area north of Tunis mined approx 15 mines per 1000 yds. roughly exact area not stated warn units expect mines, tank trap reported Bardo K-0456. 40 tanks reported St. Henry Barricks Tunis. 2030 hrs.-	78th	S-2
x	2	2224	To-nights disturbance in Medjez El Bab caused by two German stragglers trying to regain own units, these now captured & all quiet, French patrolling town.	S-2	78th Div
x	3	2238	Warn all U.S. & British troops will not repeat not take orders & important documents into battle Ack 2100 hrs.	78th	S-2

DATE -- 28TH NOVEMBER 1942

x	1	0910	Entered Guelman all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x	2	1000	Our column has been halted for ten minutes to allow British to pass through halt allow them to pass & wait 15 minutes after they clear, then inform us and proceed.	S-2	Rcn
x	3	1115	British units have passed we are moving.	Rcn	S-2
x	4	1150	We are proceeding to Bivouac following British at 15 MPH.	Rcn	S-2
x	5	1139	Column has halted for 1 hr. to eat and gas up.	S-2	Rcn
x	6	1202	Halt at your present position for refueling and noon lunch, resume your march at 1300 hrs.	S-2	Rcn
x	7	1545	Closed in bivouac 1500 hrs.	Rcn	S-2

DATE - 29TH NOVEMBER - 1942

x	1	1345	Location about 3 1/2 miles south west Souk El Khremis	Rcn	S-2
x	2	1359	Group 21 of last msg. is HEV	Rcn	S-2

DATE - 11TH NOVEMBER 1942

x	1		No enemy activity during night, my C.P. remains the same. Am sending out two patrols on main and alternate route to cote for closer observation of activity. Will await further orders if anything additional is desired, exact frequency of our net. Our set is operating but cannot pick you up on assigned frequency.	Rcn	S-2
x	2		Remain where stationed until relieved by 1st Inf. Div. Armistice being arranged but remain alert.	S-2	Rcn

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S-2 JOURNAL

DATE- 1ST DECEMBER 1942

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	1209		30 hostile tanks with paratroops & dive bombers reported attacking SW along Tebourba Djedja rd. tanks now reported at 715500.	S-2	78th
x	2	1400		Information concerning German tanks now confirmed.	S-2	78th
x	3	1410		Btry A observer reports British Officer telling him 15/20 MK III & MK IV German Tanks at 725555 withdrawn to 720585 no time given. Btry A. observer at 700500.	175th F.A.	S-2
x	4	1444		German tanks reported to have withdrawn to 720585 at 1410a	S-2	78th
x	5	1535		French report states area road direction 8842 & road track junction 9144 being mined master reported strongly held by guns MGS armd Cars all informed 1445.	78th	S-2
x	6	1625		Platoons proceeding on missions at 1600 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	7	1631		Shots off, vehicles destroyed and great damage.	S-2	Rcn
x	8	1650		Will recall plats. at dark if no contact established.	Rcn	S-2
x	9	1650		If recall platoons report here, advise	S-2	Rcn
x	10	1705		Strength one four EM, seven officers 3 days rations needed.	Rcn	Major Smart
x	11	1800		Plats. returning I will report to C.P. at 1830 hrs. with British Rcn Officer. 1730.	Rcn	S-2
x	12	1830		LS 109's & Plak at Djedeida A/D, column of light armd moving west between Djedeida & Tebourba at 1500 hrs. believed to be Réce unit of fifteen vehicles & supply trucks, please report to Col. Olds. that Capt Fulmer is here.	S-2	78th
x	13	2123		Report back C.P. at once.	S-2	Rcn
x	14	2133		What enemy information have you, have received none from you.	S-2	78th

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE:- MEDINEH EL BAB

DATE:- 2ND DECEMBER 1942

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0705	French mines removed from bridge proceeding to mission.	Ren	S-2
x		2	0805	Ref. msg requesting enemy information our 0973 of 1 Dec. sent you last night nothing further to report. Suggest your L.O. keep in contact touch.	78th	S-2
x		3	0850	Coordinates incorrect. Report RT CP.	S-2	Ren
x		4	0855	Rt. plats 7447 and 7047 at 1820 hrs. British Rt. 7014 at 0720 hrs. 2 enemy armd cars observed at 7714 at 0815 hrs.	S-2	Ren
x		5	0917	Corrected Rt. CP AN FN information requested.	Ren	S-2
x		6	0955	Rt. Plats MHFA & NRFK at 0930. no enemy contacted yet. British report general southward movement of enemy Ren patrols in heavy armd cars observed at 7714 & 8806.	Ren	S-2
x		7	1007	Notify British Recce in your net of armd cars reported.	S-2	Ren
x		8	1011	Heavy german Recce cars reported at 7714 and 8806 at 0945 heavy arty fire on our Light tanks N. of Tebourba.	S-2	78th
x		9	1102	Hostile armored inf. unloading along channel Tebourba rd.	S-2	78th
x		10	1107	Our troops still under fire from hostile guns 7153. Clear these out at once in aggressive action. Report when accomplished.	S-2	Ren
x		11	1115	Have you any information for me?	S-2	78th
x		12	1125	What is situation around 7152? Are there any enemy guns? Advise, Urgent.	S-2	Ren
x		13	1125	2nd plat. in combat with Inf. in vicinity of 7353.	Ren	S-2
x		14	1135	Yours of 1120 received, keep fire on hostile troops use both platoons and drive them out. Report often.	S-2	Ren
x		15	1135	What is situation around 7152, are there enemy guns. Advise	Ren	S-2
x		16	1140	No Arty at 7152 reported, find out what else is there and destroy it.	S-2	Ren
x		17	1148	Can you give me enemy situation.	S-2	S-2
x		18	1153	You will be relieved in due course by Inf. until then keep at enemy snipers aggressively.	S-2	Ren
x		19	1220	Paratroopers in terrain impassable for vehicles, plats have been fighting for one hour.	Ren	S-2
x		20	1243	Our arty reports 3 Heinkely dropped about 20 bombs on our tanks in Tebourba at noon.	S-2	78th
x		21	1255	Contacted sam attacked by Stukas 2 mellos 1230 hrs. Our column is followed by a line of smoke along ridge on Rt. incl. casualty at 6747.	Ren	S-2
x		22	1315	Enemy intercept air & ground attack due on J-7754.	Air Support	S-2
x		23	1328	What news?	S-2	Ren
x		24	1327	We are being attacked continuously will you take all msgs. from Moy.	S-2	S-2 CCB

S-2 JOURNAL

DATE - 2ND DECEMBER 1942

IN OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 25	1335	Ref your msg 1327 where are you being attacked & by what?	S-2	ECB
x 26	1343	Good work. Keep it up. Inf coming, sending up for prisoners arty forward observer coming up to put fire at place you have indicated.	S-2	Ren
x 27	1350	Our Ren has definitely located German snipers mortars & heavy towed guns in ravine north of east, west line thru 7552.	S-2	All Units
x 28	1355	16 PZ KW 4's at 7760 at 14 hrs. L.O.	S-2	78th
x 29	1347	Snipers along high ground to right of road at 6949.	13th	S-2 CCB
x 30	1402	Snipers reported at 6949.	S-2	Adv CP
x 31	1418	We are being attacked by planes.	Adv CP	S-2
x 32	1447	Re your msg. 1434 What hills do you mean? Inf support coming btry 27th FA just east your CP get immediately support from it.	S-2	Ren
x 35	1450	Enemy south of Tebourba on river crossing 7753	2nd Bn 13th	S-2
x 34	1434	Prisoners state one btry 88mm guns there also one E.T. 2 peeps knocked out by armd cars situation growing serious must have support.	Ren	S-2
x 35	1442	Estimate 42 med. tanks on high ground north of Tebourba.	Adv CP	S-2
x 36	1450	Estimate 42 med. tanks on high ground north of Tebourba	S-2	78th Div.
x 37	1455	Yeiter reports AT gun's one 88mm btry and armd cars in hills before him 730499 can you locate enemy tanks more precisely	S-2	CCB
x 38	1455	Reece Regt Hq. is located at 4629 is under your command. It has been instructed to send a rear link to your Hq. for communication. Please give it your instructions.	78th	S-2
x 39	1453	Enemy Inf. & Arty moving from Djedeida towards Tebourba are about 2 miles east of there.	2Bn 13th	S-2
x 40	1517	Enemy arty & Inf. reported moving from Djedeida to Tebourba. Reported 2 miles east Tebourba	S-2	All Units
x 41	1509	One 88mm in hay stack at farm north of Dir dibuane, two 75's & 4 - 37 AA guns at 7459 Inf. at 7460.	Adv CP	27th FA S-2
x 42	1513	Enemy still attacking El Bathen temporary line N.E. of Tebourba, Medjez El Bab.	78th	S-2
x 43	1511	Request information on condition of bridge at Tebourba.	Adv CP	S-2
x 44	1533	No report on bridge at Tebourba was OK for Div. loads yesterday, your msg. 1509 hrs. given rock, your msg. 1442 hrs.	S-2 13th	S-2 CCB
x 45	1500	British cyclist reports 5 Armd cars 1 mile east of Goubellat	ADV CP	S-2
x 46	1552	Did my detail arrive to relieve you of prisoners? Did it leave you? Has Inf arrived?	S-2	Ren
x 47	1546	Have no knowledge regarding your message of 1513 hrs. Advise	Ren	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

DATE - 2ND DECEMBER 1942

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	48	1557	5	hostile armored cars reported 1 mile east of Beubellat.	S-2	1st Bn 6th
x	49	1557		Estimated 10 enemy tanks in this area destroyed since 1100 hrs. yesterday mostly PZ KW - 3	Adv CP	S-2
x	50	1558		Re your message 1541 hrs. Roger	S-2	Ren
x	51	1605		Lorried Inf. reported moving west from Djedeida, lorried Inf. plus some guns moving S. from 7862 enemy tanks in vicinity of road maps of 7257.	2nd Bn 13th	S-2
x	52	1620		Re your message 1521 hrs. What road to refer to and what threatens it. Has the Inf. relieved you yet?	S-2	Ren
x	53	1544		Hostile Inf. & Arty approaching Tebourta from east on road about 7757, can you help.	Ren	S-2
x	54	1528		Major Gardiner is not here at the present, will find him and relay situation.	2nd Bn 13th	S-2
x	55	1640		Prisoner detail left here at 1545 hrs. Inf. arrived but not arty forward observer only six H/T & 7 neeps remain in position, exact location of platoon not known.	Ren	S-2
x	56	1644		3 paratroops seen dropping at 7550	S-2	ALL Units
x	57	1650		Reinforcements have reached plats are planning the attack.	Ren	S-2
x	58	1704		Inf. has reached the plats are they relieved to return to my C.P. 1700 hrs.	Ren	S-2
x	59	1702		Withdraw behind Inf. which has relieved you after dark. Bivouac behind arty and report C.P.	S-2	Ren
x	60	1725		Heavy enemy very careful of tanks.	Adv. Cp	S-2
x	61	1735		Since 1550 hrs. our arty has been firing on 21 of the enemy tanks previously reported. Damage unknown, at least two direct hits. 1610 hrs.	Adv. CP	S-2
x	62	1849		Plats coming in to my CP at NFN for the night. I will report to your CP at 2030 hrs. INTERCEPT.	Ren	Adv CP
x	63	1925		Report same CP as last night.	S-2	Ren
x	64	2121		When can I expect Capt. Yeiter? Notify 56 Recce Bn that its C.O. will return late.	S-2	Ren
x	65	2147		Transmit resume of information received from Tuck.	S-2	Adv CP
x	66	2110		A lone parachutist was seen landing in fields 600 yds E. of 15127 sent squad to investigate.	1-6th	S-2
x	67	2225		When are you reporting? Advise at once.	S-2	Ren
x	68	2227		Report result of investigation.	S-2	1st Bn 6th
x	69	2347		Combed area unable to locate notified troops in vicinity.	1-6th	S-2

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DATE - 3RD DECEMBER 1943

PLACE - MEDJEX EL BAB

IN OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1 0328	Tebourba being bombed 0250 hrs.	Adv. CP	S-2
x	2 0334	Out lined mission to French. Yeiter should be with you now. Your msg was received SNAFJ here about getting it to Yeiter 2130 hrs.	S-2	S-2
x	3 0826	By pass Massicault & Massicault - El Bathen road to south	S-2	Ren
x	4 0833	We have found that the Germans harbour in the woods at 7949 please keep your tank patrols reasonably far from these woods today, so we can smash the harbour tonight when the tanks come in.	S-2	1st Bn
x	5 0410	French report contact enemy armd cars Bour Arada 163 strength-unknown	78th	S-2
x	6 0914	11 Inf Brig reports 15 tanks & one Co. Inf. deploying behind Ferme St Michel 7657.	S-2	Ex. Off.
x	7 0917	5 tanks & one Inf. deploying behind Ferme St. Michel 7657.	S-2	Ren
x	8 0920	Report.	S-2	Ren
x	9 0916	All units will report to the Adv CP any enemy activity observed such reports will be complete as to time & place, and will be made rapidly as possible 0900 hrs.	Adv. CP Units	All
x	10 0935	Can you verify hostile activity 7657 to 7663, report it as soon as possible.	S-2	Adv. CP
x	11 0940	What enemy activity is taking place 7657 to 7663.	S-2	2nd Bn.
x	12 0930	20 enemy tanks supported by Inf. moving S.W. from St. Michel Farm 745578.	Adv. CP	S-2
x	13 0934	British report morale of Boche Inf. encountering low but not confirmed by our sources 0930.	Adv. CP	S-2
x	14 0940	No enemy activity except aircraft 0940 hrs.	Co B	16th Engrs
x	15 0954	Enemy Arty estimated as A Btry of 75mm fired 20 rds. SW from coordinates 7651 at 0748 hrs.	Ren	S-2
x	16 1030	No report from you, why?	S-2	Ren
x	17 1021	7 enemy tanks in Olive grove at 7562 not active. 26 enemy tks near Chougui activity at 0945 was one tank firing on 7355 from 7560 tank was knocked out by our assault gun heavy IG fire now heard near Chougui.	Adv. CP	S-2 27th 78th
x	18 1026	Verify enemy tanks at 7564 as soon as possible. Bombers ready to go 1007.	78th	S-2
x	19 1043	7 enemy tanks in grove 7552. 26 enemy tanks near Chougui. Exact location not given, suggest you contact Maginnis.	S-2	Ex. Off. COB
x	20 1052	What is your location? Where are your plato? Where is your CP.	S-2	Ren
x	21 1052	Request location of Ren Co. 13th A.R. CP.	1st 13th	S-2
x	22 1055	C.O. 1st Bn 13th AR request location of Ren Co. CP	AdvS-2	S-2
x	23 1140	3 ME 109's flew east over Chougui 1105 hrs.	Adv. CP	S-2

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DATE - 3RD DECEMBER 1942

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	24	1202		Re your msg, who made contact with 2 armored cars where and what happened. Keep me informed and press on.	S-2	Ren
x	25	1205		Wilson reports 50 paratroops dropped at 1800 hrs. 2 Dec. area J-1146	78th	S-2
x	26	1252		Only one report from you all day. You must report every hour while radio works. When it doesn't use M/C's, what news of British Recce.	S-2	Ren
x	27	1240		4 enemy tanks now heavily shelling 7255 from 7551, one destroyed by our fire, shelling by tanks at 7255 lasted 15 minutes. No action now 4 bombers bombed ridgeline 7602 at 1147 hrs.	Adv CP	S-2
x	28	1418		French believe attack on Tebourba from north with Tanks and from south with Paratroops and Inf. will take place today.	78th S-2 CG	CCB
x	29	1421		Checking you msg not received. Re location your 1st plst. refer to my msg 0826 hrs. 28/12/42	S-2	Ren
x	30	1422		Snipers in area 7353 on 50 map rifle firing to NW. 1420	S-2	13th S-2
x	31	1443		Advise at once if Stukas landing NW of Tebourba	S-2	ADVCP
x	32	1445		Snipers reported area 7353 on 50 map	S-2	6th Inf.
x	33	1446		Re my CP as reported msg. 1225 hrs. is BKUA	Ren Co.	S-2
x	34	1500		Friendly natives report 40 German paratroops dropped this morning coordinates 7147 sheet 5, also 6 gliderstowed by one plane headed SW from Tebourba.	1st IAR	S-2
x	35	1530		Friendly natives report 40 German paratroops dropped this morning coordinates 7145 sheet 5, 1/200,000 also that six gliderstowed by one plane headed SW from Tebourba at 1400	S-2	78th Div
x	36	1538		40 german paratroops rptd dropped this morning 7147, 6 gliders rpted seen towed by one plane SW from Tebourba at 1400 hrs.	S-2	All Units
x	37	1650		Exact location hostile tanks 1400 hrs. 16 at 7356 to 745570, 50 map sheet 19 & 5 at 760563 same map.	S-2	All Units
x	38	1552		Are you watching a suspicious civilian. Advise.	S-2	Adv. CP
x	39	1601		Promised support to 56th left noon has it arrived.	S-2	Ren
x	40	1628		Re your msg 1553 hrs. Do not give enemy information in code.	S-2	Ren
x	41	1555		Re your message of 1440 hrs. Have not msg of 1243 British Ren. report. Three armd cars with 4 AT-guns located near 7822.	Ren	S-2
x	42	1614		1st plst now moving south from position 8445	Ren	S-2
x	43	1613		14 JU88 bombing British positions N. of Tebourba.	S-2	78th
x	44	1704		1 PZ KW & destroyed last night and two this morning enemy shelling & bombing of us have stopped.	C.C.	13th S-2
x	45	1710		British Ren patrols no contact with enemy patrols on line 8023 to 8697. situation under control CP location ALDE. 1st plst trying to establish contact with 2nd plst by peep.	Ren	S-2

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DATE-3RD DECEMBER 1942

IN OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 46	1715	Report to same CP as soon as you have seen plat leaders.	S-2	Rcn
x 47	1733	2nd plat has returned to CP 1st plat is coming in. C.O. 2nd plat will report personally to your CP with information.	Rcn	S-2
x 48	1803	Do you know anything about a rumoured German attack on El Bathan. What is condition of Medjez rd. near Tebourba.	S-2	C.O. 13th
x 49	1805	Request location of known enemy units south and east of Tebourba.	C.O. 13	S-2
x 50	1831	Medjez & Tebourba road fired on by snipers east of Medjez river at 7254 at 1600 hrs. Request at once location of enemy units, east of river.	C.O. 13th	S-2 CCB
x 51	1946	Your msg received 1800 hrs. answered 1818. Answer still valid except Co. C 6th Inf. now claims to control terrain overlooking Tebourba rd. from east to within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of Tebourba.	S-2	C.O. 13
x 52	1950	Requested your presence here 2 hrs. ago, come at once.	S-2	Rcn
x 53	2235	Germans reported advancing south of Tebourba, Vanguard reported $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles NS of here, request instructions.	2nd Bn	S-2
x 54	2252	Re your msg 2235 hrs. who made this report has it been verified if true & true locate enemy more exactly.	S-2	2nd Bn
x 55	2304	Bn Rcn repts that Germans patrols supported by 4 tanks, one 500 yds N. of this position.	2nd Bn 13th	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

DATE - 4TH DECEMBER 1942

PLACE - MEDJEZ EL BAB

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0210	Mac report Rt. reached but no vehicles there, but could hear vehicles moving to the east in returning to bivouac.	Rcn	S-2
x		2	0652	Request one clerk, 10-50,000 maps, 10/200,000 maps, 20 Journal pages blank.	S-2(13)	S-2
x		3	0757	Peep travelling NE on Medjez - Tebourba road fired on by one rifle from vicinity of 7050 at 04.00 hrs.	CTD	S-2
x		4	0810	By two patrols moved out at 0700 hrs. no report at present.	Rcn	S-2
x		5	0909	No report from patrols as yet. 0907	Rcn	S-2
x		6	0947	Rt. patrol 7438 trying to establish contact with 1st Bn.	Rcn	S-2
x		7	1005	No report as yet.	Rcn	S-2
x		8	1035	Rt. patrols same, no contact with 1st Bn. 1030 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x		9	1051	Rt. of 1st Bn 7842-1035 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x		10	1053	Order your plat to establish contact with the 1st Bn by vehicles if necessary.	S-2	Rcn
x		11	1115	Reliable source reports 25,000 Germans now in Bizerta.	S-2	78th
x		12	1145	4 Armored cars seen operating 2 miles southeast of El Bathan at 1140 hrs.	1st 6th	S-2
x		13	1155	4 armored cars seen 1140 hrs. 2 miles SE of El Bathan, no precise coordinates available.	S-2	Exe Off. 1st 13th
x		14	1232	Left flank 7344, right flank 7842, time 1153 hrs. British operating as planned.	Rcn	S-2
x		15	1324	Do not extend positions shown on overlay. INTERCEPT	Adv CP	2-6th
x		16	1125	6 bombers, 8 pursuit planes attacking troops concentration Djmesgued and road to Tebourba now.	Air Support	S-2
x		17	1401	Use patrols to investigate German tanks if necessary. INTERCEPT	Adv CP	
x		18	1507	Enemy armored cars observed at VRGG - 8244 details coming.	Rcn	S-2
x		19	1620	Re msg 1541 group three is correct.	Rcn	S-2
x		20	1945	Tanks not seen observe harbours of exact Rt. and probable contents and report same at once.	S-2	Rcn
x		21	2015	What is happening on your front.	S-2	1st 6th 1st 13th
x		22	2054	Situation unchanged since conversation with CG this afternoon	1st 13th S-2	S-2
x		23	2125	Have officer report to CP at once to coordinate tomorrow	Rcn	1st 13th
x		24	2125	Report CP stance.	S-2	Rcn
x		25	2315	Rt. same no enemy activity in vicinity. 2300 hrs.	Rcn	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

DATE - 5TH DECEMBER 1942

PLACE - MEDJEZ EL BAB

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0128	Report light activity by German patrols and some firing along RR and river on my right. Lone German plane bomber or Rcn plane overhead from 0045 to 0100 hrs.	2-Bn 6th Inf.	S-2
x		2	0143	Patrols were unable to find bivouac of armed cars or tks in vicinity of where they were contacted last evening.	Rcn	S-2
x		3	0640	No report from patrols at present. 0615	Rcn	S-2
x		4	0815	Plat has no established contact with 1st Bn patrol yet. Negative report on situation. 0812 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x		5	0907	An American soldier escaped from Djediede reports heavy rail movements of supplies of troops and arty into that town.	S-2	78th
x		6	0911	Plat Rt. CPVS have contacted 1st Bn at CMVZ moving on objective 0908.	Rcn	S-2
x	x	7	0923	Did you do anything at 0615 hrs. as ordered, reply at once.	S-2	Rcn
x	x	8	1012	Proceed on regularly assigned mission, advance on hill 3 hours	S-2	Rcn
x		9	1106	Rt. Plat 7530, 1st plat contacted north of city attempting to contact two British patrols with Honies at 7829 and 7628 approaching from the south, no enemy in sight.	Rcn	S-2
x		10	1109	All patrols coordinated to check whole area.	Rcn	S-2
x		11	1120	In ref. to your 1105 msg, check area and then proceed on regular Rcn in regular areas as decided.	S-2	Rcn
x		12	1303	Clarify msg 1237 hrs. Plat Rt. 7435 at 1220 hrs. moving NE reports woman talking over 510 radio.	Rcn	S-2
x		13	1320	Request report each hour, last report received 1109, have any enemy been met.	Rcn	S-2
x		14	1405	Very high wireless massed, possibly PF at 808567	S-2	78th
x		15	1407	Have you an armed vehicle at approx 737516, 1 stationary vehicle visible from Rt.	S-2	1st 6th
x		16	1425	What information have you re tanks reported yesterday to have been on Tebourba - Chouglad.	S-2	2-6th
x		17	1429	Request air recon in Tebourba - Djidieda-Massicault - St. Cyprien area to seek out hostile tanks.	S-2	78th Div
x		18	1431	What is enemy activity on your front.	S-2	2-6th Inf 1-6th Inf 2-13th AR
x		19	1400	Rt. plat 8240, no activity so far, natives set smoke fires all along. 1336 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x		20	1435	Re msg to S-2 have been received for 1120 hrs. 1205 hrs. 1252 hrs. 1336 hrs. No enemy have been met. 1410 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x		21	1120	Re msg 1035 hrs. How many tanks and in what area specifically.	Rcn	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

DATE - 5TH DECEMBER 1942

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	22	1525	Request information of enemy activity Borjgue and Bou Acid areas.	S-2	78th Di
x	23	1523	Rt. plats 8240, being fired upon from south. British patrols reports 3 armd cars in 8706 at 1415 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	24	1500	Cn msg of 1407 the answer is yes but will investigate.	1-6th	S-2
x	25	1552	Re pour msg 1513, what type of vehicle and how many.	S-2	1st 6th
x	26	1519	Enemy digging in on front considerable movement of vehicles across river at El Bathan have been receiving Arty fire.	1-6th	S-2
x	27	1605	Have plat avoid fire or destroy vehicles firing and continue on mission. If cannot do either, get help from rcn plat. 1st Bn 13th AR	S-2	Rcn
x	28	1702	Please reply msg 1431 hrs. at once.	S-2	2-6th 1st 13th
x	29	1704	Small patrols working south and southwest on roads from El Bathan all the day have been reported, have you seen them if they continue tomorrow, pls. take measures at least to keep them under observation.	S-2	1st Bn 6th 1st
x	30	1735	No change in enemy situation. 1735 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	31	1800	Have Rcn Officer report CP at once.	S-2	1st 13th
x	32	1800	Report CP at once	S-2	Rcn
x	33	1735	No change in enemy situation.	1st 13th	S-2
x	34	1830	Reply to msg from this Hq's at 1431 hrs. and 1702 hrs. immediately, negative reports required.	S-2	1st 13th 2nd 6th
x	35	1730	Intercept wireless made by 78th Div reports Hq's German armor moving south of river and Rcn in that area being re-enforced.	S-2	
x	36	1835	Strength of German patrols will be operating actively south of river and German armor and German Hq's moving south of river.	S-2	All Unit
x	37	1927	Small German patrol rumoured to be at 678450	S-2	1-13th 1-6th
x	38	1830	Railheads tonight as last night.	S-2	All Units
x	39	1845	British Rcn reports that patrol found 7133 clear at 1630 hrs. But 4 MK4 tanks are laying up about 2 miles due east 1835 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	40	1944	Your msg 1830 and 1847 will be complied with simultaneously	1st 13th	S-2
x	41	2000	Awaiting return of Rcn officer before reporting.	1st 13th	S-2
x	42	2045	Report at once without Rcn officer if necessary. The General awaits.	S-2	1st 13th
x	43	2107	It is reported that approx. 15% of the Germans Arty shells are duds.	S-2	78th
x	44	1835	Strength of German patrols will be operating actively south of river, German armor and Hq's moving south of river.	S-2	All Units
x	45	2301	Please have radio peep at same place at 0630 hrs.	S-2	Rcn

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IN	OUT #	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0118	Have 56 make following sweep at first light and report results at once. Port Du Fahs to T-9123 to T-9328 all incl.	S-2	Rcn
x	2	0342	Tonights Rcn left flank negative. Cairns knows where 0230.	1-6th	S-2
x	3	0400	Advise 56 Recce guns not available for tomorrow but they must report Changhia to CRA at 0730 hrs.	S-2	Rcn
x	4	0710	All quiet 0715	1-6th	S-2
x	5	0805	Rt. my CP JWRK, 2nd & 3rd plats proceeding on missions at 0615 hrs. no reports yet. 7 Stukas Bomber of El Bathan	Rcn	S-2
x	6	0845	Please report result of night patrols & tank recovery operations.	S-2	2-6th
x	7	0908	For the 4th consecutive day 7 stukas preceded by two Mess. bombed our positions at 0720 hrs. and returned whence they came This is becoming a habit, could something be done to break it.	S-2	38th
x	8	0920	Rt. left plat CNKX at 0830 hrs. no enemy contact yet British Rcn sweeping area towards 7647. They succeeded in diverting guns.	Rcn	
x	9	0928	Seven enemy tanks approaching approx. position 7647.	1-6th	S-2
x	10	0935	2 arm cars approaching Rt. flank 2nd Bn 5th Inf at 0914 hrs.	S-2	All Units
x	11	0944	25 enemy tanks proceeding 7647 now they are MK III's came from east.	1-6th	S-2
x	12	0945	What plat is at CNKX? Your plat is supposed to be north of the road. Where is Todd's? Answer at once.	S-2	Rcn
x	13	0946	7 enemy tanks approaching 1st Bn 6th Inf. at 0930 hrs. at 7547	S-2	All Unit
x	14	0954	25 MK 3's at 7647 at 0944 hrs. They came from east.	S-2	"
x	15	0955	Patrols report small groups of enemy trying to infiltrate on to high ground N. of EW line thru 700565. Will keep you informed. 0935.	2-6th Inf.	S-2
x	16	0956	Large column headed by tanks followed by lorries headed SW through Furna.	1-6th Inf.	S-2
x	17	0956	25 MK 3 tanks at 7647 at 0944 hrs. came from east.	S-2	78th Div
x	18	1009	Long truck column headed by tanks and followed by trucks headed SW thru Furna at 0945 hrs. Small groups of hostile Inf trying to infiltrate N. of EW line thru 700565.	S-2	2-Bn 13th 1-Bn 13th
x	19	1014	Tanks followed by Inf. attacking C Btry 27th FA at 745496 at 1000 hrs. Long column of trucks headed by tanks moving SW thru Furna at 0945 hrs.	S-2	78th Div Rcn
x	20	1015	Inf following tanks attacking C Btry at 745496 at 1000 hrs.	S-2	1-2 Bn 13th
x	21	1017	Infantry groups of hostile trying to infiltrate N of NE line 700565.	S-2	78th
x	22	1023	B Btry 27th F.A. now firing on tanks with some success.	S-2	All Units
x	23	1038	Hostile bombers now over C Btry again coordinates 745496	S-2	78th Div
x	24	1025	Rcn reports 15 L-3 and column moving towards Todd's position.	Rcn	S-2
x	25	1120	Where are your plats. are they engaged. Keep reporting.	S-2	Rcn

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IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	26	1107	12 MK 4 tanks moving west from one mile north of 7548. 6 armd cars SE of this position.	Ren	S-2
x	27	1135	Ask 56 Recce to tail the columns you report near Massicault and advise us of composition its action and all details.	S-2	Ren
x	28	1143	Have 56th act aggressively against all hostile vehicles on Medjez - Tunis rd. Report what destruction it does.	S-2	Ren
x	29	1100	At present my patrols confirmed to ln #. No report yet.	78th	S-2
x	30	1147	Have ordered 56th Recce to act aggressively against all hostile vehicles on Medjez - Tunis rd. seven columns hostile vehicles reported near Massicault moving W. at 0930 hrs.	S-2	78th
x	31	1153	Enemy tanks reported to have reached 740495 at 1145 hrs.	S-2	All units
x	32	1202	Bruss moving in on hostile tanks what news have you. If necessary go & get some.	S-2	Ren
x	33	1214	Anxious for news of columns reported near Furna. Reported to consist of trucked info headed by tanks get me this information.	S-2	Ren
x	34	1215	Advise when 56th receipts for all our instructions keep me informed of their action against vehicles on Medjez rd. This is first priority.	S-2	Ren
x	35	1210	Tanks moving SE from 7448 armd cars still on ridge N. of Furna.	S-2	2-Bn 13th 1-Bn 13th
x	36	1305	What information have you.	S-2	Ren
x	37	1318	Hostile tanks 8050 hostile armd cars 8649 at 1245 hrs.	S-2	1-Bn 13th 2-Bn 13th
x	38	1300	56 Recce will retain 6 lb guns until dusk and send them to sloughia 1300 hrs.	78th	S-2
x	39	1342	Did 56 get our instructions? What results? Information essential.	S-2	Ren
x	40	1300	Our Ren reports no enemy at Furna	1-LAE	S-2
x	41	1330	1K 4 tanks and armd cars reptd on high ground between 8412 and 8116 by British also column of vehicles moving NW from Port Du Fahs 1st Bn Ren observing at JGTX attack reading line N. of 7080.	Ren	S-2
x	42	1503	No information from you since 1400 hrs., where is 3rd plat. answer our message.	S-2	Ren
x	43	1529	What information from 56th. Send information re massicault.	S-2	Ren
x	44	1554	Request Rt. of your CP & report.	S-2	Ren
x	45	1540	2nd and 3rd plats are on the right flank observing and moving with the tanks. No reports have come in yet, can observe mortar fire on tanks to east of my position 6943. What is general situation.	Ren	S-2
x	46	1615	Patrol just captured 5 German Pabatroopers in hills & killed in house at 712567. Co. # killed 3 Germans one of which on ridge in front of its new position. Prisoners and documents from dead being sent to you.		2-Bn 6th S-2

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IN OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 47	1640	56 patrol with Honies attacking enemy column moving NW from Bont Du Fahs. Plats still report no movement around Furna & Massicault are now moving eastward.	Rcn	S-2
x 48	1654	Captured parachutists are from 86 Inf. 10 Div. Have been in Africa 3 days. Came from France by rail to Naples, thence by plane. State entire Division not yet arrived came up to front line by rail, seem glad to be captured.	S-2	78th
x 49	1745	Report to CP	S-2	Rcn
x 50	1750	5 prisoners taken at 717545 at 1430.	2nd Bn	S-2
x 51	1924	Papers from a dead soldier indicate he was Einheit L 40024, Afrika Korps St. 1-44.	S-2	78th
x 52	2115	Z GR16 Ref your message 1924 of 6 Dec. forward papers this No 2115 - 2130	78th	S-2

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IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0810	March your prisoners back.	S-2	1-6th
x	2	0812	1st report due 0700 hrs. not yet received.	S-2	Ren
x	3	0735	Plats started on missions at 0615 hrs. Rt. 1st plat 7132, no reports from 3rd Rt my CP?	Ren	S-2
x	4	0900	Rt. of plats 7531 and 8344 at 0830 hrs. reports all clear.	Ren	S-2
x	5	0950	Report your CP again.	S-2	Ren
x	6	1002	Rt 1st plat 7732 at 0930 hrs. 3rd plat fired on from 8443, have withdrawn to OP at 8344, re msg 0735, my CP at 243.	Ren	S-2
x	7	1037	Re msg 10002 Rt. 1st plat 7732 at 1030 hrs. 3rd plat at 8344, my CP at 6243, checking location 2nd plat fired upon 1037.	Ren	S-2
x	8	1007	Enemy 75mm or 88mm gun fire observed falling on road in vicinity Furna, Rt's gun undetermined, gun firing from direction of Massicault 1007.	Ren	S-2
x	9	1100	1st cipher of last code group in your msg of 1037, meaningless, explain.	S-2	Ren
x	10	1050	56 CP at 7513, patrols operating to line 8525, 8617, 8507, position 7615 where 56 fired on armored cars now clear 1050	Ren	S-2
x	11	1121	Div reports 3 Companies hostile lorried Inf. at 7546 at 0700.	S-2	211 Units
x	12	1014	Re msg 1037, 1st cipher of last code group is 0 or alternate C.	Ren	S-2
x	13	1138	Found documents indicating 1st and 2nd Co. of Italian 101st AT Bn were operating in this sector.	S-2	78th
x	14	1130	3rd plat fired upon from 7842 at 1000 hrs. reports 2 armored cars at 7942 at 1000 hrs.	Ren	S-2
x	15	1140	56 patrols at 8726, 8726, 8017, 8012, 7408 at 1047 hrs. 3 enemy armored cars moving southeast from 8313 at 1100 hrs. 8928 reported clear at 1130 hrs.	Ren	S-2
x	16	1203	Don't sent enemy information in code for any reason, see your 6th group for msg. 1100 hrs.	S-2	Ren
x	17	1222	Request definite information of hostile strength in Massicault must have reply by 1430 hrs.	S-2	Ren
x	18	1325	No information from you since 1140	S-2	Ren
x	19	1240	Ref. your 35 of 7 please forward documents here 1230 hrs.	78th	S-2
x	20	1329	Captured Italian documents have been sent to you by I.O.	S-2	78th
x	21	1325	56 patrols entering Bir Mahesga from N and SE fired on by small arms at 1250 hrs.	Ren	S-2
x	22	1400	Artillery fire or mortar fire landing at 695475,	1st Bn 6th Inf	S-2
x	23	1415	Situation quiet on all fronts.	S-2	Ren
x	24	1510	OP Group 19 reported large movement enemy Inf. moving west to El Bathan 1250 hrs.	78th	S-2

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PLACE - FEDJEZ EL BAB

DATE - 7TH DECEMBER 1942

IN CUT TELETYPE	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 25	1600 What is present Rt. your CP	S-2	Rcn
x 26	1601 Large movement of hostile Inf. west El Bathan reported 1300 hrs.	S-2	All Units
x 27	1615 Recovery party being subjected to enemy MF fire from ridge 745505.	2-13th	S-2
x 28	1600 Rt. my CP on the same SF until dark,	Rcn	S-2
x 29	1650 Rt. 1st pl. 7431 two armored cars at 7032 at 1645 hrs. Open field 1000 yds. NE 8045 under hill fire 1650 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x 30	1722 56 reports 2 enemy tanks, 3 8 wheeled armored cars moved two miles west from Bir Mehega at 1630 hrs. Not advancing any further at present.	Rcn	S-2
x 31	1715 Re your msg of 1624 from where is enemy, Inf moving from answer at once.	S-2	Adv CP
x 33	1915 Repeat last half of your msg. 1636 hrs. Give me more information of armored cars at 7032.	S-2	Rcn
x 34	1926 Re msg of 1624 enemy Inf. was moving from east into El Bathan probably come by rail to Djideida then on foot.	S-2	78th
x 35	1931 Request frequency on which Rcn communicates with 56 Recce Regt. .	S-2	Sig. Off.
x 36	2120 Re msg 1952 repeat coordinates Armd cars, await Rt. plats.	S-2	Rcn
x 37	2315 Enemy anti personnel mines dropped near Div Hq area 2300 hrs. Warn all ranks and of special precautions, all informed.	78th	S-2
x 38	2350 11th Inf Bde reports information from local inhabitants that parachutists may be in area, 1 surreys 6089	78th	S-2

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DATE - 8TH DECEMBER 1942

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0033		Enemy anti personnel bombs dropped in area 3737 at 2200 hrs.	S-2	All Units
x	2	0035		Enemy anti personnel mines dropped area DSK FER 2000 hrs. 7 Dec. Wall all ranks need of special precautions.	S-2	All Units. Adv. CP
x	3	0051		Ignore 56th coded msg continue mission tomorrow.	S-2	Rcn
x	4	0145		Full details requested of tank casualties inflicted on enemy 6 Dec. Desire immediate reply. No time.	78th DIV	Adv CP CCB
x	5	0150		Estimate 20 enemy tanks destroyed 6 Dec.	S-2	78th Div
x	6	0312		Report parachutists maybe in area 6039	S-2	All Units
x	7	0730		Plats moved out from respective bivouacs at 0630 hrs. Rt. 1st plat. 7434, 2nd plat 7437 at 0700 hrs. What is general situation 0730 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	8	0800		Expecting aggressive Ron today, road & waters will have patrols near you. General situation quiet and unchanged.	S-2	Rcn
x	9	0810		Friendly arty laying fire on Rt. 765390 at 0735 hrs. Plats confined to rds. and proceeding slowly.	Rcn	S-2
x	10	0835		Friendly tanks possibly operating between you and objective, inform plats proceed aggressively. Inform me of movements of 56th	S-2	Rcn
x	11	0859		Give Rt. your CP, also 3rd plat. Rt.	S-2	Rcn
x	12	0905		What news of last nights patrols.	S-2	11th Brig
x	13	0906		CP moved to 7033, 2nd plat Rt. 7501, at 0850 hrs. No report yet from 56th at 0900 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	14	1000		Vicinity Furna reported clear, push on east aggressively	S-2	Rcn
x	15	1000		Vicinity Furna reported clear at 0845 hrs.	S-2	1st 13th 78th Div
x	16	1000		Patrols report no activity	1-13th	S-2
x	17	1000		Our patrols have observed no activity during the night, two German Rcn planes flew over our forward position at 0730 hrs.	2-6 Inf	S-2
x	18	1023		Our patrols report no enemy activity during the night.	S-2	1 - 2 6th Inf.
x	19	1030		Enemy tank dug in at 722522 reported firing SW 7-12 AM	S-2	"
x	20	1052		Send 56 msg. move plat E of Furna & initiate aggressively Ron at once, send Rt. all plats.	S-2	Rcn
x	21	1116		Instruct 56 to send a dispatch rider to division Hq. for orders. Advise me of probable time of his arrival.	S-2	Rcn
x	22	1140		Tank plat. patrols in operations 755512 and 7547. No hostile contact visual identification	S-2	78th Div
x	23	1145		Tank patrols in operation 755512 and 7547. Report no hostile contact visual identification.	S-2	1st Bn 6th Inf.
x	24	1150		Msg 1107 correct.	Rcn	CG/CM

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PLACE - MEDJEZ EL BAB

DATE - 8TH DECEMBER 1942

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		25	1158	In existing cipher. My plats are moving eastward aggressively.	Ren	S-2
x		26	1200	4 enemy tanks observed at 8430 moving west 1215 hrs. 3 identified as 1K 4's,	1st Bn 1st AR	S-2 Ren
x		27	1255	Advise 56th 4 tanks seen at 8430 at 1215 hrs. moving out.	S-2	Ren
x		28	1255	4 hostile tanks seen moving west at 8430 at 1215 hrs. What news have you?	S-2	1st 13th
x		29	1355	Last report 1158. Report.	S-2	Ren
x		30	1350	56 northern patrols forced to withdraw owing to the advance of the 1K 4's believe moving towards 7925 attempting to regain contact at 1235 hrs.	Ren	S-2
x		31	1430	Have 56th keep the tanks in view where are your platoons.	S-2	Ren
x		32	1432	Tank platoons patrols in operation 7541 - 7547. No hostile contact visual identification had 1000 hrs.	1st Bn 1st 13th	S-2
x		33	1310	1st plat reports roads S. of Furna impassible both plats. attempting the by pass at present.	Ren	S-2
x		34	1455	Take P.M. to crossroads J-4135 on Deja Road	S-2	C.O. Hq Co.
x		35	1515	If you cant by pass Furna, go through it, but get east of it. Tank plats have instructions.	S-2	Ren
x		36	1430	3rd plat in reserve today after two days and nights of patrolling. No enemy information at present.	Ren	S-2
x		37	1527	1st and 2nd shelled in vicinity of Furna, 1st Plat withdrawing to 7437. Still silence from 2nd plat.	Ren	S-2
x		38	1540	Give details of type of shelling and why you cannot proceed.	S-2	Ren
x		39	1600	Tank platoons have been informed that you are under fire, Impossible to further instruct them until you let us know what is firing at you	S-2	Ren
x		40	1603	Can your Ren plats assist Ren Co. near Furna.	S-2	1st 13th 1st 1 AR
x		41	1605	H.E. heavy artillery fire prevents any advance through Furna roads and terrain south of Furna are impassible the two tanks plats are still observing No. of 7742. Artillery fire coming from Massicault both my plats in vicinity of 7742 observing with tanks.	Ren	S-2
x		42	1627	Spot gun positions when fire ceases proceed on mission.	S-2	Ren
x		43	1631	Fire on Ren Co. comes from Massicault artillery. Can you bring on it.	S-2	1-1st AR 1 13th
x		44	1633	Enemy artillery at Massicault firing in direction of Furna.	S-2	78th
x		45	1650	Tank plats. deny Furna being shelled, get your plats forward or furnish more specific details.	S-2	Ren
x		46	1652	Patrol at 755410 moving to Furna.	1st 13th	S-2
x		47	1739	Report to S-2 at once.	S-2	HQ C.O.

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IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		48	1706	Source of fire on Rcn Co. cannot be observed by our forward elements, cannot bring fire on source.	1st 1 AR	S-2
x		49	1802	Unable to bring counter-battery fire until you report exact gun positions.	S-2	Rcn
x		50	1855	Suggest you contact tank Rcn Plst. commanders to the end that intensive Rcn E. Repeat East of Furna be accomplished tomorrow. This is imperative for future operations. Wt CP 1st 13th 7041, Rt. CP 1st Bn 1st AR 6635.	S-2	Rcn
x		51	1920	Not necessary for you to come to CP. Just contact tank Rcn platoons as previously ordered.	S-2	Rcn
x		52	1934	Advise 56th Rcn missions same as yesterday.	S-2	Rcn
x		53	1940	56th W.T. to remain with you, countermand contrary orders at once.	Rcn	S-2
x		54	2055	56th W.T. left here to return by direct order of 56 to Hq. 2040 hrs. was rechecked and verified 1st plst bivouaced at outpost 7331. 2nd plst vicinity 7437 received order to contact tank Rcn plats at 2040 hrs.. Wilco 2055	Rcn	S-2
x		55	2110	No enemy activity to report, situation same.	1st 6 Inf.	S-2
x		56	2131	Request 56th Recce Regt be ordered to return wireless truck to Rcn Co. 13th A. B.	S-2	78th Div

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DATE - 9TH DECEMBER 1942

IN OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1 0300	Rt. 56th Recce Regt. 5420. They require instructions for 9th Dec. but will be unable to operate off roads. 56th recce regt. out of touch with you by wireless.	78th	S-2
x	2 0705	Our patrols to the east, report no enemy activity.	2-6th	S-2
x	3 0850	Is the 56th wireless with you?	S-2	Rcn
x	4 0855	Recce same area as before, keeping to the roads, if necessary	S-2	56th Recce
x	5 1005	No report has come from you all morning.	S-2	Rcn
x	6 0920	The 56th W.T. is with me.	S-2	Rcn
x	7 1024	Where is the 50th.	S-2	Rcn
x	8 1110	Demand immediately report and all questions answered at once. No excuse possible for continued failure to report.	S-2	Rcn
	9 1055	Capt. Ketter out coordinating work of plato and larks. Rt. 7531, 3rd plat reports all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x	10 1147	Reports must come in hourly regardless of where C.O. is. Report on 56th Give Rt. plats.	S-2	Rcn
x	11 1107	Rt. 56th 6723. Do you have any orders for them?	Rcn	S-2
x	12 1115	2nd plats under artillery fire at Rt. 7842, sending out patrols to locate gun positions.	Rcn	S-2
x	13 1200	56th mission same as yesterday. When Arty positions are located, destroy them.	S-2	Rcn
x	14 1210	Enemy F.A. Btry at 755475 at 1050 hrs. 3 A.T. guns fired on area 752462 at 1000 hrs.	S-2	All Units
x	15 1125	Patrols sent to area 7549, has met opposition, details unknown yet.	1-6th	S-2
x	16 1130	Vehicle markings of 10 Pz Div are YIII. Report these immediately if seen.	78th	S-2
x	17 1325	Report immediately if seen enemy vehicles marked YIIII	S-2	All Units
x	18 1344	CP 2nd plat moved to 7544, 3rd plat. at 7532 reports roads bad but proceeding, shelling observed west of 7847, 1330 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	19 1325	Enemy shelled main road again about 2 miles SW Furna source of fire unknown.	1-1 AR	S-2
x	20 1415	3rd plat. at 7995 all clear, 2nd plat Rt. same patrols still out at 1400 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	21 1445	Patrols report few Germans if any in Tebourba.	S-2	78th
x	22 1503	Overlays received have no information for you, except that road 2 miles SW of Furna has been shelled from unknown source. at 1325 hrs. Try to locate Btry's re msg 1210 hrs.	S-2	Rcn
x	23 1425	3 enemy artillery weapons observed in positions on south side of hill near road junction 4 1/2 miles east of Matour our forward elements can observe them.	1-1AR	S-2

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PLACE - MEDJEZ EL BAB

DATE - 9TH DECEMBER 1942

IN CRT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 24	1521	3 enemy artillery pieces observed in position on south side of hill near road junction 4 1/2 mile east of Lateur. Our fwd elements can observe them.	S-2	78th
x 25	1516	3rd plat drew MG & small cannon fire from 8040 and westward, tanks engaging enemy with support from mortar and howitzer.	Rcn	S-2
x 26	1545	3rd plat position same howitzer reducing farm harboring MG fire tanks going cross country to dislodge it.	Rcn	S-2
x 27	1550	Small enemy patrol with light MG reported at 765495 at 1300A	S-2	All Unit
x 28	1624	Inform 56 that planned move will not take place tonight. Keep me informed. No bombing today too overcast.	S-2	Rcn
x 29	1610	Re msg 1200 an overlay enemy position D sqn called Der Dishire was arrived 2 days ago and are operating independently at present. Suggest they be placed under 56 to coordinate with RT flank remainder of their armd car regt will arrive later.		
x 30	1620	56 being attacked by aircraft patrols last line 5523 3723 requests fighter support.	Rcn	S-2
x 31	1627	3rd plat reports tanks bogged down in flank. 3 armd cars at 8141 and 2 A.T. guns 37mm or 47mm at 8042. Howitzer fire laying on them request artillery or air support.	Rcn	S-2
x 32	1640	2nd plat. peep patrol confirms enemy btry positions at 8245 we are not in a position to destroy it, re msg 1521 again request support.	Rcn	S-2
x 33	1630	Anti tank btry located at 755475 was forced to displace east due to our attacking MG emplacements N. of positions	Rcn	S-2
x 34	1710	Enemy vehicles and Inf. reported near 755475 under our Arty fire 1645. Hostile MG at 721545 at 1500 hrs. Patrols in vic. of 705555 & 735495 at 1600 hrs.	S-2	1-6th 2-13th
x 35	1605	Near 755475 A.T. Guns hit 4 vehicles dispersed troop CN shelled No 155 there.	S-3	S-2
x 36	1646	Enemy vehicles & Inf. reported near 755475. Have them under fire.	S-3	S-2 27th FA
x 37	1810	Enemy vehicles & Inf reported at 720545 at 1618.	S-2	All Unit
x 38	1821	Is there a road block still at 7740. Give details. Give RT. Plats. Report to GP tonight.	S-2	Rcn
x 39	1836	Come to CP tonight. Bring coded msg. from 56th	S-2	Rcn
x 40	1939	There is no road block at 7740 except enemy arty which have this road bracketed and under observation from positions on high ground east of Furna 3rd plat outpost and bivouac at 7631 Waters tanks returned to own CP, 2nd plat at 7436. My CP remains at 7033. Will leave for your CP at 1945 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x 41	2000	Did you relay my message as directed at 1624. Was it received for by other units.	S-2	Rcn
x 42	2255	20 enemy tanks, 3 troop carriers, 3 trucks, 3 guns reported at 7155 to 7255 at 1600 hrs.	S-2	All Units

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PLACE-

DATE - 10TH DECEMBER 1942

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0850	Prisoner states yesterday Tebourba - Medjez attack made by 15-Pz KW III, 5 had short 75's the rest had 50mm guns, 2 of the tanks with 75's were destroyed. Inf. & Engrs. were also in the column, it was a Ren force, and lost its 3 - 105's message dated 11th December 1942.	S-2	78th Div
x	2	0730	Rt. 1st plat 7436, 3rd 7631, my CP 7033	Ren	S-2
x	3	0855	Request immediately all available information on 20 enemy tanks at 7155 mentioned in your situation report 1910 hrs. of 9th.	S-2	78th Div 11- Inf Bde
x	4	0924	20 enemy tanks reported last night at 721545, can you confirm or deny this.	S-2	1st 6 Inf.
x	5	0925	Farm house at 821426 reported occupied by 20 enemy Inf. with one AT gun at 1630 of 9th blast them out.	S-2	1st-13th Rcn
x	6	0851	No change in position since 1100 hrs. position and area generally impassable, no enemy activity reported from observation post yet.	Ren	S-2
x	7	0928	Aircraft above at 0900 hrs. ceiling too low to identify. Rt. 1st-plt. 7739, 3rd plat. 7631, tanks have joined 3rd plat. 1st Ren plat fired on. Lt. Patton hit details coming.	1st Ren	S-2
x	8	0955	What fired on you and from where, get on through to Furna	S-2	Ren
x	9	1010	Have your observer watch the tanks and report any movement at once, can you give coordinates.	S-2	2-6th In
x	10	0940	Your message of 0924 cannot confirm or deny.	1-6 Inf	S-2
x	11	1012	Observer reports 20 enemy tanks and some Inf. just west of Tebourba, no movement noted. 0945 hrs.	S-2	All Unit
x	12	1027	What report from 56th?	S-2	Ren
x	13	0930	2 enemy armored cars reported fired on, Rcn Co. peep at 7740 to 7741 at 0930 hrs.	1st-13th	S-2
x	14	1042	Tank column and Inf. movement towards Medjez seen at 6848 at 1040 hrs. moving very slowly. Verbal Col. Cairns	S-2	All Units
x	15	1050	20 enemy tanks moving SW between Massicault and Furna	S-2	All Units
x	16	1055	Waters reports 20 tanks moving on Furna, watch them and report every move. URGENT	S-2	Ren
x	17	1055	20 enemy tanks with Inf. reported moving towards Medjez very slowly at 6848 at 1030 hrs. 20 others moving toward Furna. From Massicault same time	S-2	78th Div
x	18	1110	Klous has repeated request information of hostile movement west of Medjez greatest importance, keep me informed.	S-2	Ren
x	19	1115	Artillery fire driving back Rcn Plat near Furna.	S-2	1st-13th 1st-1 AR

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PLACE-

DATE - 16TH DECEMBER 1942

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x	5	0925	farm house at 821426 reported occupied by 20 enemy Inf. with one 47 mm at 1630. of 9th blast them out.	S-2	1st-13th Rcn 1st-1 AR
x	6	0851	no change in position visibility, poor roads and terrain nearly impassable, no enemy activity reported from observation post yet.	Rcn	S-2
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 PLACE- DEC
 DATE - 10TH MARCH 1942

IN OUT NO. TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 20 1052	Creeping Arty barrage is driving tanks and 1st plat. back, tanks have withdrawn, urgently need support on this axis.	Rcn	S-2
x 21 1105	Our tanks withdrawn west of 7033 enemy tanks advancing.	Rcn	S-2
x 22 1111	Head of same column 695500.	Rcn	S-2
x 23 1135	Approx. 40 hostile armored vehicles entering Furna, enemy tanks now at 7336 moving SW no further report on other col.	S-2	78th
x 24 1120	Request further information on present lit. of enemy tanks reported by you.	78th	S-2
x 25 1120	Our patrol reports 35 German vehicles entering Furna.	1st 13th	S-2
x 26 1122	Enemy tanks now at approx. 7336 moving SW.	1st 13th	S-2
x 27 1120	4 vehicles following those reported at 1120 hrs.	1st 13th	S-2
x 28 1138	About 29 enemy tanks head column 6834 moving towards Medjez, some are IV's and some III's	1st 13th	S-2
x 29 1144	Fall back on road from 705515 to 680285, engage enemy with all possible fire. Waters reports tanks at 6834.	S-2	Rcn
x 30 1145	Advance reached waters, all withdrawn.	Rcn	S-2
x 31 1146	30 hostile tanks at 6834 at 1140 hrs.	S-2	1st 13th
x 32 1145	Head of enemy column at 6949.	1st 6th	S-2
x 33 1150	You must engage enemy flank with all fire at your disposal. Even if he passes west of you.	S-2	Rcn
x 34 1154	Are tanks moving, if so in what direction?	S-2	1st 6th
x 35 1157	Keep 3rd plat on enemy flank and keep it firing.	S-2	Rcn
x 36 1130	Enemy tanks advancing through 7033.	Rcn	S-2
x 37 1135	Enemy advancing rapidly. Waters under fire.	Rcn	S-2
x 38 1156	Non stop advance now 1/2 mile east of Medjes.	Rcn.	S-2
x 39 1205	Don't get panicky and keep fire from 3rd plat on enemy flank.	S-2	Rcn
x 40 1207	Hostile forces continue rapid westerly advance on Medjez. Coming under our Artillery fire.	S-2	78th
x 41 1205	Enemy tanks now occupying high ground formerly occupied by our Units.	1st LAR	S-2
x 42 1210	Hostile tanks occupying Waters bivouac area	S-2	1st 13th
x 43 1211	Stop withdrawing and get on enemys South flank as ordered.	S-2	Rcn
x 44 1215	Hostile armour now on high ground at 6535, and far west as 642a.	S-2	78th
x 45 1228	Enemy tanks now approx at 675471.	S-2	78th
x 46 1215	Very few vehicles between enemy and Medjez, where is rallying point, 3rd plat still on south flank, no report.	Rcn	S-2

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PLACE - MEDJEZ EL BAB

DATE - 10TH DECEMBER 1942

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	48	1050		2 tanks with some lorried Inf. attacking road mines 685484 light tanks engaging them.	11 Bde	S-2
x	49	1258		German artillery fire falling at approx. 678455.	S-2	78th
x	50	1305		German attempting to encircle Inf. between river and hills.	S-2	11 Bde
x	51	1320		Hostile tanks now 1 miles east of Medjez.	S-2	78th
x	52	1245		Shelling town French Artillery counter firing.	Rcn	S-2
x	53	1340		Enemy Inf. moving Southwest along base of mountains vicinity 6549. Out of range of our Inf. Suggest stron counterattack.	S-2	78th
x	54	1405		German Inf. reported infiltrating cross river west to east at approx. 7051 at 1400 hrs.	S-2	27th FA 2-6th Inf. All Units
x	55	1435		Rt. 5623, we are pressing on.	Rcn	S-2
x	56	1452		10 hostile tanks followed by 3 Coy Inf. advancing at 73045.	S-2	78th
x	57	1526		Rt. 5217 at 1525 hrs, moving north.	Rcn	S-2
x	58	1555		Rt. 5928 at 1550 hrs. plan to move east.	Rcn	S-2
x	59	1640		Rt. 6130 at 1630 hrs. moving Southeast toward 6423 to work east at 1600 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	60	1825		Retire to bivouac for night at Beja Souk el Kemis area, proceed via Teboursouk and stay out of way.	S-2	Rcn
x	61	2005		23 enemy tanks at 6234 at nightfall.	78th	S-2
x	62	2058		Suggest aggressive dismounted patrol action against the 23 tanks reported to be at 6234 by your liaison officer at nightfall.	S-2	78th

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PLACE - SOUK EL KEITS

DATE--- 12TH DECEMBER 1942

IN-OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1 0428	1st Gd Bde reports attack against 2nd Coldham Gds, tonight was led by American peep and engineers were dressed in American uniforms. Also reports tanks of CGB still withdrawing down road. 1st Gd Bde are closing this road with mines.	78th DIV	S-2 1 GD BDE 11 Inf Bde CRA & CRE
x	2 0438	PW states presence 88mm A Tks guns on SP mounting with Arm front & sides and rear known to him as PG Km 6 permitted number only. Direction El Bathan states expect this wall attack again.	" "	" "
x	3 1010	Reliable source states following ref. farmers between Tebourba and Medjez. Hostile Trouillot at farm J-693404. Barkevita at Bordj Town J-6746. Friendly Mivert at Farm with white tower opposite farm J-693494 and west of rd.	78th DIV	S-2 1 GD BDE FSO
x	4 2115	Prisoners & identifications are urgently needed. Your patrols should endeavor to bring back when possible and forward to these HQ, at once. All informed.	78th DIV	S-2
x	5 2130	All arabs moving in parties of more than 5 are to be stopped and searched for arms periodically. All informed.	78th	S-2

DATE - 11TH DECEMBER 1942

x	1 0850	Prisoner states yesterdays's Tebourba - Medjez attack was made by 15 PZKW III, 5 had short 75's the rest had 50mm guns, two of the tanks with 75's were destroyed. Inf. and Engrs. were also in the column. It was a Ran force and lost its 3-105's yesterday afternoon. This force is believed to have bivouaced around 7051 last night.	S-2	2-Bn 13th 78th DIV
x	2 0914	Prisoner was of 3rd Co. 190th Pz. Abt. taken near Bourj. bridge north of Medjez	S-2	78th
x	3 0916	Enemy information you desire has been passed on to Air Force weather still holding them.	78th	S-2
x	4 0943	Request I be kept informed of any new enemy information.	S-2	78th
x	5 1615	Company closed in bivouac 0945 hrs. at 8/10 of a mile south of 1628 at 1015 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	6 1030	Request report on Frequency of enemy reece net.	S-2	5th Corps via 78th
x	7 1100	Medjez bombed 1030 hrs., British soldier lost behind enemy lines reports tanks & 88mm guns still in farms and high ground near 6748. Hq near 7356. Enemy air Rcn in area NE of Medjez heavy. Enemy shelling stalled tanks in area 6845.	S-2	78th Div
x	8 1203	Large column of enemy tanks reported 1200 hrs. moving toward Medjez at 7740. Enemy tanks moving SW at about 6843.	S-2	All Units 78th Div.
x	9 1300	Medjez was shelled this morning at 1100 hrs. from an unidentified position. Additional information from a friend yesterday 18 tanks advanced SW from Tebourba to 6545. 10 tanks advanced S-6540.		INTERCEPT BRITISH REPT
X	10 1800	Enemy tanks reported at 7545, 10th can you confirm or deny?	S-2	

S-2 JOURNALPLACE - SOUK EL KREMSDate - 20TH DECEMBER 1942

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	1246	Fighter sweep area J-7139 NMS ground on JU 88 destroyed one frightened away, also two fighters scared off. Time over area 1100 hrs.	AASC	S-2
x		2	1658	Results confirmed. Roads Port Du Fahs to Tunis via Cheylus & Ain el Askar both searched. NMS these or Rod Massicault Medjez	AASC	S-2
x		3	1615	Tac/R reports NMS Rds. Tunis to Port Du Fahs. Time over area 1500 hrs.	AASC	S-2
x		4	1700	This unit was strafed at 1630 hrs. by a group of enemy planes, one plane was definitely a ME 109.	Maint Co. 13th	S-2
x		5	1745	Request your Ren officer report to S-2 this Hq. at 0900 hrs.	S-2	All Units
x		6	1745	Request to Van Nostrand report to S-2 this Hq. at 0830 hrs. Plst. Det. removes guard from unacked enemy plane at once.	S-2	All Units

DATE--19TH DECEMBER 1942

x		1	0910	Results of patrol in area "C" 1200 hrs. 18 Dec. to 0700 hrs. 19 Dec. No enemy activity, only air activity 2030 hrs. 2nd Bn unidentified planes flying high towards east. Sky became overcast 2200 hrs. and made visibility poor. Occasional light rain from then on. Roads & trails still negotiable.	6th Inf	S-2
x		2	1800	Tac/R reports area Port Du Fahs. J-9943 Ia Mohamed. Incl Hods. No movement seen in area except 6 covered IT trucks facing south just north of Port Du Fahs well dispersed. A/C flew very low. Time over area. 1630 hrs.	AASC	S-2

December 15, 16, 17, and 18th no reports received.

DATE--14TH DECEMBER 1942

x		1	0930	All Arabs moving in Parties of more than 5 are to be stopped and searched.	S-2	All Units
x		2	1154	Capt. Browning to report to Col. Cairns, Hqs CG B	S-2	Maint Bn.
x		3	1155	Request that this luggage be sent to Capt. Wolff at Hq 1st Army.	S-2	5th Corps
x		4	1210	Submit at once to S-2 your typed requisition for material shown on attached list.	S-2	Ren
x		5	2004	Bombing at 1945 hrs. followed by blinking lights to the west of our position are being observed by this unit, can you give us any information.	1st Bn 13th AR	S-2
x		6	2028	No information re lights but investigation will be made.	S-2	1st Bn 13th AR

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DATE - 26TH DECEMBER 1942

- x 2 1620 Ref SC 3 maps ref. J-6754 should read J-6749. AASC S-2
- x 3 1845 Three fires that appear to be signalling seen by "CG" Co. Guard at approx. J-2211, J-2510, J-2909. coordinates are guesses. All three lights especially, active when column moves on road. 601st T.D. S-2

DATE - 25TH DECEMBER 1942

- x 1 0800 HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AASC CG CCM

DATE - 24TH DECEMBER 1942

- x 1 1704 Results offensive sweep over area MW PONT DU FAHS. Some LT shot up on road approx. J-8248. Time over area 0830hrs. AASC S-2

DATE - 23RD DECEMBER 1942

- x 1 0825 Tac/R initial report over area 0805 hrs. IIS of any importance was detected to Tebourba & area between road and foothills to ~~the south of the road~~. More detailed information will follow. AASC S-2
- x 2 1145 Ref. SC/1 detailed Tac/R report cloud interfered with observation. 6 LT - 4 nissen huts well camouflaged J-7746. 4 LT & farm occupied J-7850. Activity around haystack 20 yds. long - camouflaged. Thought to be dummy. Many tracks. IIS road Tebourba Djedeida. Many tanks area J-6444. farms in area J-6648 thought occupied area J. AASC S-2
- x 3 PW 69th Lorried Inf. Regt. (10 AD) picked up 5545 - 21 Dec., Driven Tunis - Tebourba then walked. Saw only derelict & anksom wavy (?). French in area south of Pont Du Fahs. report 8 - wheeled AC with 75mm (short) mortar & arty fire) 8388 - 8481 or south of map line SW of Dj. Fikine. S-2

DATE - 22ND DECEMBER 1942

- x 1 1020 Tac/R result. IIS valley of Bly, Pont Du Fahs, El Aroussa, El Aroussa, Gafour, O-3696. Pont Du Fahs - Goubellat J-6523. IIS all roads out of Pont Du Fahs. Time over area 0915. AASC S-2
- x 2 1220 Preliminary Tac/R reports IIS area Furna - Massacault - Ain El Asker - Bir Neherga. Time over area 1145 hrs. AASC S-2
- x 3 Marco for 22 Dec. was in possession of Sub unit commander 6 prisoners taken last night in area 47116. He also had place name code list No. 3 Now out of date. Time 1240. 5-Corps S-2

DATE - 21ST DECEMBER 1942

- x 1 0910 If Moh did not pick up maps en route. Send up for them this morning. S-2 1st Bn 13th
- x 2 1307 Tac/R result. IIS road J-5560 later IIS road J-5763, road junction J-6174. heavy flank J-6074 and J-5575. IIS road J-4868 - later. No other observation area owing much flat. Time 1130. AASC S-2
- x 3 1625 Tac/R preliminary report IIS road ledges, Massacault. IIS Massacault - Ain El Asker. IIS roads Ain El Asker & Cheylus to Pont Du Fahs. Time over area 1600 hrs. AASC S-2

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DATE 29TH DECEMBER 1942

IN	OUT	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	1050	By dark 28/12/42 estimated 20 enemy tanks reported penetrated 6th to 8287. Supporting Inf. on General line 7688 - 8086. French in general line 8590 - 8384 plus two corp on general line 8086 - 7686. To assist french 6th A.D. has sent troop I & BHY troop anti-tank guns btry's 25 pounders & Btrys Lt. AA. Plan to pincer ground gained & attack by air.	S-2	A.D.
x	2		Platoon of Koch (Bn) company is at 723128 company in surrounding 6 A farms. Co. covers sector of A Km.	S-2	Corps

DATE - 28TH DECEMBER 1942

x	1	1015	Irregular native soldiers, called "Goums" now operating as part of French Army horse. Dressed as ordinary Arabs. They are distinguished only by their French Army type rifles and belts & often by a flat morroccan type headress. Inform all personnel.	S-2	All Units
x	2	1040	Attached ammunition found south of Teborsouk, labeled "Explo-5" still seems to be designed for Fedored 28 mm. in gun. For your study.	S-2	Major
x	3	1103	A traffic in american passes has been discovered among the natives. No unit will issue any passes to natives only passes issued by this or higher headquarters will be honored	S-2	All Units
x	4	1213	Tac/R report NIS rd SW. PONT. DU FAHS. Time over area 1000A. AASC	S-2	
x	5	1230	French report 4 German MK IV tanks supported by enemy Inf. stationary O-8388 at 1005 hrs. Tanks facing south & shelling attack is expected. Air support has been requested by 6th Army Div.	6th A.D.	S-2
x	6	1530	Tac/R result. NIS MEDJEZ - TEBOURBA on rd. isolated vehicles rds. NW J-6646. Much flak Tebourba. Time over area 1140	AASC	S-2
x	7		Prisoners from 2 Co. 5th Para Regt. picked up AM at 7220. Ambulance hit min 672226 - 0830 - 28th. Activity in farms at 731300 and 728158. Information from friendly farmer: HQ at farm 778182. OP at 753176 Italians attacked 8593 - 1700 hrs. Prisoners captured by French near 8090 included 12 Germans (23 Inf. Div) Italian 92nd Inf. Regt.		S-2
x	8	1755	Result offensive sweep. Time over area 1500 hrs. Areas approx. 15 MT with Tank attached on road O-8494 - O-8997. Damage claimed	AASC	S-2
x	9	2130	Request information of Pvt. Schlather, Christian ASN - 37129769. Is this man in any unit of CC B	S-2	Personnel Officer

DATE - 27TH DECEMBER 1942

x	1	0930	4 enemy guns bombed on track J7141, also LT result good. Flak experienced J-6944. All A/C returned. Time over track 1530 - 1545 hrs. 26/12	AASC	S-2
x	2	1235	Forward certificate re loss of Gold pieces at once.	S-2	RCN

DATE - 26TH DECEMBER 1942

x	1	1445	Tac/R report much flak J-6545 and J-6747. 2 large MET yellow colour J-6754. One of them very large. 2 Tank transporters unloaded J-6849. Road J-6949 to Tebourba, 15 MET & 4 DRA moving both ways.	AASC	S-2
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DATE: - 3RD JANUARY 1943

IN OUT NO TIME MESSAGE ORIGIN TO

x 1 1400 Result of Tac/R over area J-6328, J-5834, J-6334, NMS. Time over area 1215 hrs. AASC S-2

x 2 SITREP 3/1/43 - By evening 2/1/43. Tanks still in locality 8783, Inf. infiltrations to west SW and south of French at PT. 717 - 8278. Enemy reinforced and enemy appearance of attack in morning. TDSG btry 75's (French) at 8480. 75's took on tanks at 8581. 5th two-possibly int. - no confirmation. Corps S-2
 Morning 3/1/43. No change 1 enemy Inf. 1 Coy strength in march west of Pont Du Fahs towards Bou Arada. Weather showery, clouds.

PLACE - TERGOURSOUK

DATE - 2ND JANUARY 1943

x 1 0830 Initial tac/r report NMS area MEDJEZ PURNA BIR MEHERGA GOUBELLAT except 3 IET moving NE J-7739. Time over area 0745 - 0800 hrs. AASC S-2

x 2 1050 ~~Initial tac/r report NMS area MEDJEZ PURNA BIR MEHERGA~~ J-6835 and J-7842. Thought to be dual purpose guns. 4 heavy LT halted area 8974, 4 LT S - 8-8988. 100 Inf. C-9084. Above TPT scattered by cannon. Hits observed. Time over area 0800 hrs. AASC S-2

DATE - 1ST JANUARY 1943

x 1 0908 Initial Tac/R report. Road MEDJEZ to LA MORRAGHIN and road running parallel to south NMS 0835 hrs. AASC S-2

x 2 1605 REF SC/1 Corre. approx. 15 to 20 LT in Farm J-0172. AASC S-2

x 3 1430 P.W. & CAPTURED DOCUMENTS. 5-Corps S-2

1. Documents that have been collected from P.W. are frequently not forwarded with the PW. This means that interrogating Officers are deprived of a very important source of information which could be available to them before they begin the interrogation.

2. Formations and units will therefore continue to collect documents etc, but they will ensure that the documents are labelled with PW's name and forwarded with the PW. In this way interrogation will be made easier any personal possession which have no military significance.

SHELLING REPORTS.

3. Shelling reports will be forwarded regularly through normal channels. It is suggested that such reports should be compiled by I.O's R.A. at Divs and forwarded to this HQ.
 5th Corps standing Orders October 1942, Section IV, para. 6 refers.

PLACE - TEBORSOUK

DATE - 8TH JANUARY 1943

REF CUT NO. TIME

MESSAGE

ORIGIN TO

x	1	1033	Re 2 section reconment asking Phillipsborn if Ren Co. goes & 2 track. What is your decision. Advise	ROBINETT	CG COB
x	2	1600	Please send brief terrain report in duplicate to this Hq's of area between LEDJEZ & EL BATHAN with special reference to suitability for armored forces. Report to be here 1600 hrs. tomorrow.	S-2	C.O. 1st Bn 6th Inf

PLACE - 7TH JANUARY 1943

DATE -

x	1	1000	Our force arrived safely now under C.G. Sasin Force. Mr. Corps reported 85 enemy tanks in Arab tents at T-6380, 1700 hrs. Jan 6th. Report considered doubtful, probably a French ground, recon establ. toward all threatened points. Supply agencies are not well estab. at Tebessa. C.G. Sasin force stated your 3-4 would supply my force which consists of 2nd in 13th A.R. and attachment, 601st in 13th A.R. less Companies and two recon plato. and one pl. 47 med.	601st T.D. Bn.	S-2 C.G. C-C-B
x	2	1445	Case reported enemy successfully using yellow triangles to deceive our troops. All informed.	5th Corps	S-2
x	3	2100	Case reported enemy successfully using yellow triangles to deceive our troops.	S-2	All Units

DATE - 6TH JANUARY 1943

x	1	1036	2 hostile Ren planes made careful survey of this area at 1025 hrs. drew a few shots from some Bren Guns within the town and flew off.	S-2	5th Corp
x	2	1415	Your unit will draw maps between 0830 and 1200 hrs., 7th Jan., at Eng. truck, Hq. Co. 13th A.R. area.	S-2	All Units
x	3	1430	WAS JUB8 reported down in SW corner Lake Kebir, tail protruding from water. Crew reported still in plane. Doubtful if anything destroyed.	S-2	5th Corp
x	4	1615	12 enemy tanks located J7607 in river bed. 1 Co. Inf in high ground J7306.	French L. O.	S-2

DATE - JANUARY 4, 1943

PLACE - TEBORSOUK

x	1	0940	Situation report 0800 hrs. situation unchanged. Enemy has obtained some Farms area O-9895.	FRENCH L.O.	S-2
x	2	1055	Tao/R initial result. MRS area Ledjez - Furna - Bir Maherga Goubellat. Time 1020.	AASC	S-2
x	3	1815	Result Tao/R 2 MK stationary J7132 at 1545 hrs.	AASC	S-2

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TEBOUSSOUK

16TH JANUARY 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
	* 1	1122	1st Para. Det. of Barenthin Regt. Reported sent Gabes by P.W.	S-2	1st A. D.
			PLACE—TEBOUSSOUK DATE—11TH JANUARY 1943		
x	1	1310	For your information if you haven't already seen it? I received it from one of my M.P. Posts who had in turn received it from the Bn.	Capt. Redding	S-2
			PLACE—TEBOUSSOUK DATE—10TH JANUARY 1943		
x	1	1511	German Inf. attack on Bou Arada repulsed at 0230 hrs. 9 tanks moving NW to Pont Du Fahs from J905038, Hostile activity J713157 and J713155, possibly ACP unconfirmed report places Marsch Bn 25 area) O-8278, Scousse supplying Tripoli. Rommel estimated to have 100,000 troops mostly Germans. Half of which are combat troops, remnants of 15 and 21 Pz Div 90th D. Div. Ariete Div. remain.	S-2	G-2 1st AD S-2, 13th
x	2	1807	Reliable source reports Axis column 80 miles long hurrying westwards in Tripoli. Location unknown. Information not now to be discriminated. (SECRET)	S-2	1st AD
			PLACE—TEBOUSSOUK DATE—9TH JANUARY 1943.		
x	1	1100	No source of maps. Request ten sets of five zero M and 20 sets 200,000. also our intelligence Summary.	C.O. 13th AR	CC B S-2
x	2	1441	Sending summary tonight, Maps tomorrow. If no map source these must be conserved to uttermost and you must keep Hq's map consumption at minimum. Everyone of our units should have ample supply on hand. see you soon.	S-2	S-2 13th
x	3	1631	Request 10 copies of intelligence summary and as many sets of maps as you can send.	S-2 13th	S-2 CC B
x	4	1652	Your original message re maps and summaries received, receipted for and acknowledged. Therefore a second message on same subject redundant and will not be answered.	S-2	S-2 13th
x	5	1658	10th Pz. Div. reported grouping Massicault - Mornoghia area and recalling all outlying components to do so. Barenthin Regt. reported regrouping behind Mateur and that T/1 and T/3 Bn. taking over its positions.	S-2	G-2, 1st AD S-2, 13th

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S-2 JOURNAL

DATE 17TH JANUARY 1943

ROUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN & NO.
x 1	1025	Report to CP after church services.	S-2 RCN
x 2	1134	190th PZ ABT. reported Kairouan area	S-2 All Units
x 3	1055	15 Jan 43 Most reliable information reports large concentration Qued Tessa Tank Gas Dump at NE section of Baracas at Gabes Bombing mission leaving this afternoon to bomb this.	L.O. FRANK S-2
x 4	1347	190 Pz Bn not part of 10th Pz Div reptd Kairouan area, inoperative lead mine with extensive buildings and equipment at Trozga. Date ripe and ready for shipment Tozeur area. French anxious for market.	S-2 1st AD

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PLACE:

DATE: 28 JANUARY

MESSAGE

ORIGIN TO

IN	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	1154	Plat commander 3rd plat, 601st investigating, reported 50 tanks near O-8010.	RCN	S-2
x	2	1210	15 hostile tanks reported at 0815165 at 1200 hrs.	S-2	All Unit
x	3	1212	There are 4 or 5 tanks and armd cars advancing up walley from FONDOK. Reported by 601st.	RCN	S-2
	4	1300	Only 4 or 5 tanks reported 601st standing by. I am checking information.	RCN	S-2
x	5		Phone message from General Koeltz) (Personally) 15 tanks accompanied by Infantry now north of Oued Maguehille, between hill 198 and the foot of Dj. Ain. It seems to be heading toward Pichon without our being able to specify the exact direction. Requests that we be alerted ready to move.	KOELTZ	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

DATE- 19 JANUARY 1943

IN OUT NO. TIME

MESSAGE

- x 1 1143 Reports of KASSERINE patrol.
Reports & time of arrival of Kasser
if any 1230 and one low flying plane small
not be going over 100 miles per hour, whe
special constructed plane that has been b
land mines were used. This report is in
briges on 17th Jan.
- x 2 RR bridge T-5378 blown at midnight, 18th
- x 3 1000 French report enemy airfield being buil
Saidau - Y-7603. No ships have arrived a
In what Div is Italian 17th Inf. Regt.
- x 4 1220 ~~OP's will keep a written record of~~
visible.
- x 5 1540 All OP's will keep a written record of
& light in the Fondouk area, each 15 mi
0800 hrs. daily.
- 2100 Road March to Taktar

MAKTAR

20 JANUARY 1943

x	1	0845	6 planes M E 109 and P-40's flew north over Hq. Btry 27th F.A. at 0705 hrs.	27th FA	S-2
x	2	1100	French report at 0800 hrs. a few KMS No. of Robaa 20 tanks patrolling also rd. Bordj. Mausolee, some tanks patrolling	L.O. FRANK	S-2
x	3	1135	6 AD report (INTERCEPT) no activity at 0820 hrs. O-6892 - # O-6278, enemy tanks seen stationary at J6704, 2 destroyed at 1000 hrs. Possibility of British tanks area No. of Robaa No french troops except two Bouchous rd. Robaa - Sicians -	L.O. FRANK	S-2
x	4		II Corps wants to know the original source of your information on 10th Pz. Div. expedite reply. Phanks for the letter and overlay sent by Big Red. Just what we have been wanting. See you soon.	Brown 1st AD	S-2
x	5		INTERCEPT - O-6172 confirmed clear enemy at 1200 hrs. Enemy Inf. reported withdrawn to east area O-6708.	6th AD	
x	6	1855	Capt. Reiter report to CP at once.	S-2	RCN
x	7	2034	French report heavy attack now in progress No. of Cusseltia. What is the precise information.	L.O. FRANK	S-2
x	8	2155	Enemy now attacking by moonlight with tanks on roads at O-6857 and O-7357.	L.O. FRANK	S-2
x	9	2230	The enemy attacking with the toward CUSSULTIA is continuing this evening 3000 Inf. 1st obstacle prepared by French which is at AB 15 N E Abrish barrage has been passed.	Gen. Koeltz	Gen. Robinett
x	10	2230	French being strongly attacked by tanks and Inf. at 7257.	S-2	601st TD
x	11	2230	2 tanks destroyers destroyed enemy tanks with Inf. attacking position at G-7259 maybe turned arrival of tank destroyer. Urgent request information hour of departure.	L.O. FRANK	S-2
x	12	2302	All information you can pass back of vital importance just now.	S-2	601st TD
x	13	2328	What is situation up there. Advise is 601st TD there.	S-2	RCN

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21ST JANUARY 1943

X	1	0007	Rt. 4047 no news as yet.	RCN	S-2
X	2	0025	Germans reported using lepp frog tactics. What information have you.	S-2	601st ED
X	3	0030	Enemy not advancing at the moment but appears to be clearing L.O. up area O-7357.	FRANKS	S-2
x	4	0037	What is TD Bn doing? Where is A Coy TD Bn. Are they engaging hostile tanks?	S-2	Lt. FRANK
x	5	0045	Cannot get 601st. Please find out why and have them call. What are they doing?	S-2	Lt. FRANK
X	6	0050	Rt. 6243 0035	S-2	RCN
X	7	0000	Stand by for enemy situation.	Rcn	S-2
X	8	0854	No enemy sighted Rt. 5947.	RCN	S-2
	9	0925	Rt. of friendly troops 4368 moving CP forward.	RCN	S-2
x	10	1018	Send 1 pl. to make cautious Rcn of pass at O-7545 where they now is firing, have plt. leader stop at CP enroute.	S-2	RCN
x	11	1043	5 enemy tks MK 4, 2 scout cars apparently head of an enemy attack moving south from O-7548 to O-7445.	BAKER	S-2
x	12	1100	5 enemy tks MK 4 two scout cars apparently head of an enemy attack moving south from O-7548 to O-7445 at 1038 hrs. Attack may threaten Pichon.	601st	S-2
x	13	1100	Correction south along O-6784 to O-6739 at 1038 hrs. We are now firing.	601st	S-2
x	14	1114	5 hostile tks 2 scout cars moving south from O-6744 to O-6739 at 1043 hrs.	S-2	2-Bn 13 27th FA 2-Bn 6th
X	15	1118	Request sir In-Off. report to CP immediately.	601st	S-2
X	16	1122	Please check coordinates in message of 1100 hrs.	S-2	601st TD
X	17	1126	Have pl. leader report in advance of plat. at once.	S-2	C.O.RCN
x	18	1131	Coordinates in last msg probably are O-7548 to O-7445. We are verifying and will advise.	S-2	2-Bn 13th 2-Bn 6th
X	19	1125	Large enemy force deployed moving slowly over front about 4000 yds extending from O-6573 to O-7044 est. at least one tank Bn and one Inf Regt. plus arty believed general attack: think force commander should come to CP.	601st	S-2
X	20	1142	Large enemy force advancing over 4000 yd front at approx. O-7044, est. 1 tk Bn, 1 Regt Arty.	S-2	II Corps All Units
X	21	1149	Please order aerial Rcn this area at once.	S-2	French Arty
X	22	1153	Your OP never reports, require a report each hour.	S-2	RCN

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x	23	1156	Enemy now generally deployed along line 0-6654 - 0-7050, 0-7140.	601st	S-2
x	24	1225	Rt. 6254 peep out patrolling.	RCN	S-2
x	25	1230	Rt. 6044.	Ren	S-2
x	26	1232	Enemy now reported line 0-6654 to 7050 to 7140.	S-2	411 units
x	27	1245	Come to CP at once. Prepare for movement.	S-2	RCN
x	28	1255	Col. Ringsbark outfit cited enemy at 7344 est. How. MG's, no tanks, arty seen at position given formerly.	Ren	S-2
x	29	1255	French report enemy attack by the 2 Inf on pass at 0-7548, 6032. moving generally south fast. This attack threatens all French units to N. & S. of pass, recommended immediate counter attack two tank companies.	131 Off.	at Call.
x	30	1334	German tanks & Inf. detrucking now at 0-7334458, can you fire on them.	601st TD	Ren - 3rd
x	31	1445	Our bombers hit enemy at all approx. 7547 am at 7145, sending patrols forward all clear firing continues to east.	RCN	S-2
x	32	1500	Can observe several camouflaged vehicles at approx. 7547 am investigating, firing can be heard due north of OP of last msg. scattered MG heard.	RCN	S-2
x	33	1500	Get on with new mission.	S-2	3rd - RCN
x	34	1540	Col Bakers Ron are guarding 6747, all clear, proceeding.	RCN	S-2
x	35	1542	Two red flares went up vicinity KIAA.	RCN	S-2
x	36	1626	Can observe our tanks moving north on left, tanks moving 2000 yrd. ahead, will remain in observation two sections. patrolling on assigned mission.	RCN	S-2
x	37	1627	Must know situation on flanks every 15 min. Have you seen any enemy. Have 3rd pl. under similar reports.	S-2	RCN
x	38	1635	3 MK IV & 1 Armd car reported at 710449.	S-2	2-Bn 13th
x	39	1640	1 ME-109, dived in area 2nd Bn 13th, dropped no bombs	Robinett	S-2
x	40	1637	British Armd car patrol reports 3 armd cars, 3 MK IV tanks, 10 lorries, moving on road from 0-7769 toward 0-7265.	Gairns	S-2
x	41	1710	Mac occupying good OP at 6438.	RCN	S-2
x	42	1710	Move Mac up right side of valley to north. Where's Van?	S-2	RCN
x	43	1722	What reports from both flanks? Has Mac less OP Run into enemy.	S-2	RCN
x	44	1725	Van at 6852 moving north all clear. Mac all clear. Ken here complete with me.	RCN	S-2

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X	46	1728	What is Mac's Rt.	S-2	RCN
*	48	1733	Mac moving NE from 6A38	RCN	S-2
x	47	1735	Have him leave watchers at OP and get him as far NE as possible before dark.	S-2	RCN
*	48	1800	What are flashes at Mac's base under moon. If you don't know ask Mac. Phillipsborn from G.O. Ren Co. Have observing flashes Do not know where fire is coming from. Mac is 3 miles & will report. If he doesn't know he will investigate.	S-2	RCN
*	49	1830	Mac is trying to criss cross country, cannot see flashes yet friendly arty SE of my position firing. Path to east now under fire.	RCN	S-2
*	50	1830	9 enemy tanks and 5 armd cars reported at O-733453.	27th FA	S-2
x	51	1840	9 enemy tanks and 5 armd cars reported at O-733453.	S-2	RCN 2nd Bn13
*	52	1850	Our Inf. reports that 9 enemy tanks and 5 armd cars, 1 88mm gun reported at O-733453, have withdrawn eastward thru the pass.	S-2	Gen Koeltz
*	53	1920	Rt. 6939 cannot continue cross country. Ken reports friendly troops held up at 7144. Van reports one enemy tank headed south from 6852.	RCN	S-2
*	54	1950	Firing was by our troops, 1 enemy 88mm and mortar which pulled out, it was too hot for them. Contacted friendly troops at 7054.	RCN	S-2
x	55	2237	Request following aerial Ren at 1st light 22nd l. Road from O-6958 to O-8345 to O-9334. 2. Road O-6043 to O-6635 thence to Pichon. 3. Road O-8568 to O-9452 to O-999409. Reports of Ren must be in our hands earliest possible moment.	S-2	II Corps
x	56	2250	Report to CP at once.	S-2	RCN
x	57	2307	Request fighter cover in valley east of Grand Doreal throughout tomorrow, also request aerial Ren of roads and passes in NE part of said valley and pass at O-73643A during each cover flight.	S-2	II Corps

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PLACE:

DATE: 22ND JANUARY 1943

Northern Africa

NO	CO	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	RCN	S-2
X		1	0830	Van reports all clear at 6852. Patrols working NE 0825 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X		2	0830	The French have started a drive up the mountains to clean up 601st any Germans who have infiltrated thru.		S-2
X		3	1025	Van reports no activity north or west of 6852, Bakers men & Gardiner have not arrived yet, rest of company in position with Ringsok, ny Rt. 7044	RCN	S-2
X		4	1030	Van reports heavy firing to east, recovered two ground 37mm and much amm. no sign Baker or Gardiner. 1025.	RCN	S-2
X		5	1130	No contact with 601st. Van reports all clear to line of observation 6964 to 7358 to 7254.	RCN	S-2
X		6	1140	Report Rt. plats try to locate Btry which shelled Ousseltia	S-2	RCN
X		7	1125	11 MK 4 tanks coming from vicinity of disabled 88 towards our position.	2-6th	S-2
X		8	1150	11 MK4 tanks moving west from vicinity of disabled 88mm gun O-7445 at 1125 hrs.	S-2	2-13th 601st RCN 27th FA
X		9	1200	Request air Rcn to determine enemy movement or Btrys in area O-70. east to O-80 and O-50 north to O-70.	S-2	12 ASC
X		10	1200	Hostile mortars & guns reported behind road running from O-7345 to O-742477	S-2	27th FA
X		11	1200	What is location of btry firing on Ousseltia.	S-2	2-6th
X		12	1200	7 light enemy tanks & 3 med. possibly MK4 at 733455, last seen going north on this road.	27th FA	S-2
X		13	1210	7 light & 3 med enemy tanks going North on road at 733455 at 1200 hrs.	S-2	601st TD 2-13th 2-6th RCN
X		14	1213	Request bombardment of 7 light & 3 med. enemy tanks moving north on road at O-733455 at 1200 hrs.	S-2	12 AF
X		15	1214	Have not been able to pick up location Btry firing on Ousseltia	2-6th	S-2
X		16	1235	Rt. Van 6852 observing to line 6964 to 7350 to 7254. Reporting all clear 1150 hrs. Rt. Ken 4844 with OP at 4850 and patrolling vicinity 5342. Rt. Mac enroute to Rcn from 5545 to 6217 unable to locate Btry shelling Ousseltia yet. Have received no Gas.	RCN	S-2
X		17	1300	Enemy Btry firing on our tanks located at 791555 out of range cannot fire. Request Bomber.	27th	S-2
X		18	1322	Vicinity of RJ at O-6847 being shelled by enemy arty probably 105mm cannot observe target or location of gun. Guns appear to be near O-7754.	27th	S-2

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PLACE: OUSSELTIA

DATE: 22ND JANUARY 1943

Northwestern Africa

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IN	CUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE		
X		19	1320	Can OP locate Btry of enemy 105 reported near O-7754.	S-2	RCN
X		20	1345	Give Rt. pls., have Ken or nearest OP locate tanks last reported at 733455.	S-2	RCN
X		21	1415	601st TD RCN pl. last seen at O-6654 at 0910 hrs. now silent. Have Van locate it and report.	S-2	RCN
X		22	1428	Gen. Rowitz will be here about 1500 hrs.	S-2	Gen Robnett
X		23	1445	7 unidentifiable vehicles under camouflage on crestline at 710475.	S-2	RCN
X		24	1450	Identify seven vehicles camouflaged on crestline at 710475	S-2	RCN
X		25	1450	Lac Rt 6880, Van 6852, Ken 7004, enemy tanks at 7345 believed to have moved north but still investigating. Downed plane French P40. Pilot safe bombed tanks base of mts. north end of valley.	RCN	S-2
X		26	1455	Repeat Rt. platoons. Give locations and number of bombed tanks.	S-2	RCN
X		27	1515	One Company enemy tanks reported at O-7059.	S-2	Ren Co. 2-13th 601st TD
X		28	1520	Lac 6880, Van 6852, Ken 7004, friendly cavalry report, 3 88mm guns at Base of mts, about 7752 and 2 about 7748. French pilot taken away by French further information on bombing not available. 1515	RCN	S-2
X		29	1540	3-88mm guns in area 7752, other guns in area 7647.	S-2	2-13th AR
X		30	1545	Give correct Rt. of Lac & Ken. Last msg was incorrect.	S-2	RCN
X		31	1600	Re msg 1450 vehicles are medium tanks. Some moving & taking camouflage, Lac can see four will investigate further, Lac Rt 6885.	RCN	S-2
X		32	1610	Hostile tanks seen at 7354 & 7147. Number unknown.	S-2	2nd Bn
X		33	1610	5 enemy tanks, one weapon carrier at O-7147. Tanks firing at us.	601st	S-2
X		34	1615	What is Lac doing at 6885. 5 hostile tanks reported O-7147.	S-2	RCN
X		35	1610	Lac identifies 5 enemy tks & one amm. carrier at 710475. RT Lac 688506, Rt Ken 700435, Van reports patrol cannot locate 601st TD Ren Plat. in vicinity 6654 and there has been no movement on left flank of his RT all day.	RCN	S-2
X		36	1625	2 tanks moving into turret defilade & white flare went up back of ridge at 710475.	RCN	S-2
X		37	1630	Have observation at 06951	601st	S-2
X		38	1530	4 enemy tanks knocked out by us at 7450.	601st	S-2

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PLACE: OISSETIA

DATE: 22ND JANUARY 1943

Northern Africa

NO	TIME	MESSAGE		
X	39 1635	2 BK 4 tanks moving from 9-7147 to our sector.	601st	S-2
X	40 1650	Enemy gun estimated at 0-7353.	601st	S-2
X	41 1655	Mac operating vicinity 688506 by verbal order of Cairns at 1115 hrs. Van sighted possible 88 camouflaged at about 7853	Ren	S-2
X	42 1725	at least 1 88 camouflaged at 0-7450 being engaged by fire at 2069	601st	S-2
X	43 1758	Van reports tanks burning at 7552. Enemy resistance ceasing. Our tanks still advancing.	RCN	S-2
X	44 1810	Ken reports no activity vicinity of 700435.	RCN	S-2
X	45 1745	Mac reports enemy tanks at 720490. their fire slowing. Our tanks still pounding 1740.	RCN	S-2
X	46 1745	No enemy activity observed at 0-7450 for last 15 min. our forces approaching ridge at 0-7450.	601st	S-2
X	47 1820	Report to G.P.	S-2	RCN
X	48 1825	Mac reports all firing ceased tanks rallying. Van reports all clear to north and what of his RT for 1500 yde.	RCN	S-2
X	49 1845	Van reports no activity, has three British soldiers from north position. See strong enemy concentration 15 miles north along mts. on left.	RCN	S-2
X	50 1416	Spitfire downed W. of Cusseltia investigating.	RCN	S-2
X	51 2010	Report situation hourly throughout daylight periods. More frequently if information is available.	S-2	601st TD
X	52 2025	We are in Bivouac at 0-6948.	601st	S-2
X	53 2125	Location same.	"	"
X	54 2245	By hourly report is same location.	"	"
X	55 2346	No changes.	"	"

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Handwritten: 17053055
 27-F.A. 17053055

X	1	0325	No news same location	601st	S-2
X	2	0530	Hostile plane reported over this area. Time 4:10	27-F.A.	S-2
X	3	0700	Plats moving to assigned sectors ready to start missions, my Rt. at 680488, No activity yet.	RCN	S-2
X	4	0755	Rt. Ken 690518, at 0715 hrs. Rt. Mac 696500, Rt. Van 675360, No activity visibility still heavy	RCN	S-2
X	5	0810	Mac Rt. 715520 at 0752 hrs. No activity	RCN	S-2
X	6	0820	Location O-7241	601st	S-2
X	7	0830	Friendly Arab soldier wounded by Germans, saw 8 enemy tanks and many Inf about 4 miles north of my Rt. 0820	RCN	S-2
X	8	0834	Mac fired on at 715520 by large Gun on ridge. 601st shelling ridge now. Ken Rt. 730530 at 0819	RCN	S-2
X	9	0835	Van Rt. 6554 at 0820 all clear 0850 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	10	0855	Rt. Van area at 0850 all clear	RCN	S-2
X	11	0855	3 German lorries observed by Ken moving east road 6755 - 7054 at 0830	RCN	S-2
X	12	0920	Send Peep with good man & radio 510 tied in with you to our CP at once. It will be used for OP duty with French at 765425	S-2	RCN
X	13	0930	8 hostile tanks & Inf reported at 695555 at 0830 hrs. 3 German lorries moving east at 7054.	S-2	2-Bn 13th 2-Bn 6th 27th FA
X	14	0930	8 hostile tanks & Inf reported at 695555 at 0830 hrs. One peep, two men, one officer casualties at 715520, Patrolling to right flank, 0928 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	15	0943	Tell Van to watch 695555 where tanks and Inf. are reported. Ken & Mac very close to 88's.	S-2	RCN
X	16	0945	Van at 6856 at 0850 hrs. correct. Van sighted AT guns at 7059 and engaging same.	RCN	S-2
X	17	0955	Re msg 0920, only have 3 - 510 Radio peeps and they are of vital importance for our missions today, my scout sections must have this communication especially today.	RCN	S-2
X	18	1037	2 tanks fired few rds from 732458 then withdrew. Area under observation by us for future fire.	27-F.A.	S-2
X	19	1050	Enemy tanks approximately north of O-7241 exact number & coordinates later.	601st RCN	S-2

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North Africa

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X	20	1115	Rt. Ken same sending patrol to SE to determine source of enemy fire. Lorry traffic mostly cargo S&N from 7452 to 7256. Correction msg 1030 MK IV's at 7060. Van has definitely located six enemy tanks, two large field pieces, one 75 Sp one peep & 50 Inf. at 7060 remaining in observation.	RCN	S-2
X	21	1125	Enemy concentration 50 Inf. 6 tanks, 6 guns vicinity 7060. Enemy supply column moving north & south on rd. 741520 to 721559. Urgently request confirmation of hostile tanks rptd at 7241.	S-2	2ndBn13 2-Bn 6th 27th PA
X	22	1130	Radio all enemy information as fast as you get it. Go out & find some using all possible means. Send it in clear.	S-2	Lt. Smith L.O.
X	23	1137	Rt. Mac 715520 fired on by AT guns on attempts to approach ridge Rt. Ken 715520 saw enemy light tank pulled up on hill on patrol engaging same at 720540. French arty in mts. NW Van Rt. at 7059 designating targets enemy staying same location Van 75's SP out Amm.	RCN	S-2
X	24	1150	1 - 88mm gun, 2 MK IV tanks, 2 AT guns estimated to be 47mm about 100 Inf digging in at O-7446.	601st RCN	S-2
X	25	1150	Tank in turret defilade moved up to meet Mac at 715520. Gardner opened fire tank withdrew Mac trying to reach hill on right flank to observe valley.	RCN	S-2
X	26	1150	Can you send Van Amm. or do you want us to. If Mac & Ken can't move forward, move them laterally in different directions	S-2	RCN
X	27	1200	Tanks reported at 7241 not there.	S-2	1-13th 2-6th 27th PA RCN
X	28	1210	Will cope with Van, he must not do it again.	S-2	
X	29	1220	Van situation same as 1140 hrs. I have neither Amm. or means to send it to Van will you do it. Rt Ken 709535. Re msg 1130 corrected position of light tank is 734529.	RCN	S-2
X	30	1240	Van & situation the same at 1219 hrs. Mac still trying to work around ridge on the right, Ken Rt. the same 1230 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	31	1300	Van Rt. same tanks camouflaging defence line along wadi at 7060 French have 3 AT guns due west in mts six fast moving vehicles going SE at 7173, time 1220.	RCN	S-2
X	32	1314	Gardner reports fire he has been receiving believed to be from concealed tanks because of accuracy, he is dispersing vehicles.	2nd Bn 13th AR	S-2
X	33	1320	Nothing to report.	601st	S-2
X	34	1350	Van patrol reports Italian Inf. groups strung out from 7060 to 6861 AT defense situation same, Rt. same time 1320 hrs. Correction re msg 1255 vehicles moving SE at 7173.	RCN	S-2
X	35	1415	Ken Rt. same light tk reported still same position. Ken moving ground to NE to determine if this might be a flank.	RCN	S-2

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			ORIGIN	DISPATCH
X	36 1417	Nothing to report.	601st	S-2
X	37 1437	Ron reports possible movement to your NE flank at 734529, 1 Rcn plat moving towards that place to cover it and observe.	S-2	2nd Bn 13th
X	38 1441	Ask nearest plat to report what is at 715502.	S-2	RCN
X	39 1455	Van reports mountain patrol fired on and withdrew AT defense unchanged time 1410.	RCN	S-2
X	40 1505	Van located another tank which totals seven in vicinity 7060 French firing on Italian position.	RCN	S-2
X	41 1506	Nothing to report.	601st	S-2
X	42 1540	Rt. Ken 7156 at Van 705495.	RCN	S-2
X	43 1610	Van situation unchanged.	RCN	S-2
X	44 1612	Nothing to report.	601st	S-2
X	45 1625	Mac reports arty has stopped, sending patrols to attempt reaching ridge at about 720475.	RCN	S-2
X	46 1650	Rt. Ken 714556 tracks on road show that enemy tks moved S along it. Ken hiding vehicles & patrolling diemtd. Van situation unchanged & Ken in visual contact. Advise concerning Gardner, and us.	RCN	S-2
X	47 1656	Your msg 1432 hrs. relayed to Gardner at 1437.	S-2	RCN
X	48 1710	Same location, nothing to report.	601st	S-2
X	49 1720	Enemy at 731454 has withdrawn NE in caves of Hiels. They still cover road with fire.	2-Bn 6th	S-2
X	50 1737	My Rt at 680488. Rt. Mac 805495. Rt. Ken 814556. Rt. Van 8059. Do plats remain in position or come in to night.	RCN	S-2
X	51 1745	Van reports observing movements of Inf SW along MT on right a French soldier at defense station reports 13 tks about 7259.	RCN	S-2
X	52 1822	Report situation at Pichon immediately.	S-2	It. Frank
X	53 1843	Call in 1st & 2nd plats, use your own judgement regarding Van who must operate there again tomorrow.	S-2	RCN
X	54 1906	Report C.P. at once.	S-2	RCN
X	55 2015	Nothing to report.	601st	S-2
X	56 2135	Desired report situation Pichon no action nothing to report.	FRANK	S-2

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MESSAGES

X	19	1203	What if anything is in area 7559 & 6955	S-2	RCN
X	20	1210	Sending patrol to watch area from 7341 to 7236. Rem. of my force moving to line from 685516 to 690585 no report on area 7340 yet.	RCN	S-2
X	21	1220	Re msg 1203 have not been near area 7559 no activity observed in area 6955 yesterday patrols will go to 6955 shortly.	RCN	S-2
X	22	1225	Rt. 723415, nothing to report French	RCN	S-2
X	23	1230	Legbinaire at 7260 reports En of German Inf. passed last night heading north had no arms except a few taken from wounded French, which abandoned British-French-American equipment in that vicinity.	RCN	S-2
X	24	1235	Patrols forward to recover good equipment. French ambulances have not arrived OP reports no activity.	RCN	S-2
X	25	24	planes bombed and strafed enemy area about 6669 at 1305.	RCN	S-2
X	26	1455	OP at 7642 good observation all quiet French.	RCN	S-2
X	27	1450	What news of area 736403. Urgent	S-2	RCN
X	28	1455	French report Italian infiltrations at 736403. Please investigate and report.	S-2	26th Inf.
X	29	1511	OP at 7642 reports slight activity in vicinity 736403 am waiting for definite report from patrol.	RCN	S-2
X	30	1518	Urgently require details of all activity 736403 consider this priority request.	S-2	RCN
X	31	1521	Rt same no report	RCN	S-2
X	32	1526	A vehicle (small) sited at 1500 hrs. at 708603 going NE disappeared at 722608.	27-F.A.	S-2
X	33	1525	On 15th Jan. The 22 Bn 5th Bersaglieri was at castel vetrano ready to leave for Tunis, detailed results of PW exam follow.	S-2	II Corps
X	34	1533	Have Van push north until he sights enemy or reaches EW coordinates 70	S-2	RCN
X	35	1605	No MKVI tanks seen or reported in Ousseltia valley.	S-2	G-2 Corps
X	36	1625	Not interested in who cannot see 736403. But what is there. Advise.	S-2	RCN
X	37	1555	My Rt. moved to 660540. Mac Rt. in vicinity 650554. Ken Rt. vicinity 680524. Patrols working N.E. No report yet.	RCN	S-2
X	38	1600	Have reconnoitered to 7267 all clear, enemy left in great haste leaving much equipment, have information on units. French cavalry Inf. moving out of hills to W & moving N up valley.	RCN	S-2

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X	39	1626	What abandoned material is there & what are you doing about it.	S-2	RCN
X	40	1638	Have 1st & 2nd Plats determine enemy's right flank along rd. running from 725520 south to 758498.	S-2	RCN
X	41	1640	Re msg 193 Rcn has been made to within one mile of coord. 70 and much enemy information gained a recalling this section at 1700 hrs. unless other-wise directed. Also advise on the section observing at 8742 & the patrol watching area 838419 to 820370.	RCN	S-2
X	42	1654	Re your msg of 1640 hrs. What information was gained. Swing Van eastwards in line with other plats. my msg 1638.	S-2	RCN
X	43	1720	Have recouped some amm. for own use many grenades 6 pounder shells land mines, two 6 pounders partially wrecked 2 prime movers French cavalry saddles, rifles, much other assorted equipment. Have information 2 Alpine Regts moved north last night. Every other soldier has LG badly disorganized shot up. French Inf & Cavalry moving toward RJ at 7261 where most equipment is also some at 7968 evidence 2 tanks wrecked hauled away valley to north appears clear Rcn. made to 7267.	RCN	S-2
X	44	1755	Area from 684515 to 645559 to 670600 to 700570 to 667532 is known to be clear re msg sig. 38 and 1654 plats are preceeding should the section at 7642 and the patrol in area 737419 to 720360 join their plats for above mission. Advise.	RCN	S-2
X	45	1750	Booby traps seen with abandoned equipment caution necessary changing to Co. area.	RCN	S-2
X	46	1750	You may recall all your plats. at dark. Report CP at 2030 hrs.	S-2	RCN
X	47	1904	Ousseltia valley seems clear along western hill mass to EW coordinate 0/700. Center clear to EW coord. 0/500. Situation along eastern hill mass still not clear. Enemy definitely drawing strength from valley.	S-2	II Corps 36th Brig
X	48	2015	Santa Claus according to French sources following units identified area 0-8456 onw company 756 Regt. elements 334 Div. indicated as mountain troops in area 0-7546 GNA 4 batteries 334 Arty Regt. (To CG CGB from DAC P CG2 II Corps) elements 5th Bersaglieri Happy days.	II Corps	S-2
X	49		Please get set up at Ousseltia by 0830 tomorrow morning. Show this to C.O. Hq's Co, who will furnish transportation to you. I want to know identifications, attitude, strength, equipment, supply, long range intentions in Tunis, local dispositions etc. I'll be down to see you.	S-2	D.O. P. W. Interrogati Group.

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X	1	0845	Enemy Inf reported by foot patrols at white house 531 moving north at 2400 hrs. Jan 24 & 25th	6-Inf. S-2
X	2	0855	All quiet in my area Plats proceeding on mission	RCN S-2
X	3		Operations - scouting party 730 - 591, no enemy sighted.	"B"-16th Engrs. S-2
X	4	0923	Negative report proceeding on mission	16th Inf Div. S-2
X	5	0950	No contact with enemy at 0950	26-Inf. S-2
X	6	1022	As of 1000 hrs. clear to 704597 to 701570 to 690512. Seems clear to the east of 1st 2nd coordinates, but this is being verified. The situation in general appears quiet.	RCN S-2
X	7	1035	Report more often	S-2 RCN
X	8	1045	Report Rt. Plats	S-2 RCN
X	9	1050	Friendly troops over house 531. No enemy resistance am prepared assist.	2nd Bn S-2 6-Inf.
X	10	1050	Negative report continuing on mission.	1st RCN S-2
X	11	1056	All clear to Kennel at 700550 Van at 720570. Mac at 710600.	RCN S-2
X	12	1117	Rcn elements at 16.4 RA2 No enemy signs	601st T.D. Bn S-2
X	13	1121	My Rt. 660540, Rt. Kennel 710550, Rt. Van 730590, Rt. Mac 710600, all clear 1120	RCN S-2
X	14	1132	Push Kennel East, Van northeast and Mac north, seems clear so move fast and report often.	S-2 RCN
X	15	1137	88mm gun reported at 775475	S-2 RCN Co. 26th Inf 601st TD 6th Inf. 27th Pa.
X	16	1130	Negative report patrol located at O-7031, 1/200,000	1st Tp S-2
X	17	1150	Rt. Ken 720550, Rt. Van 730620, all clear re msg 1132. Plts already so instructed. Keep me informed on situation.	RCN S-2
X	18	1207	601st RCN at 7449 all clear.	S-2 RCN Co. 1st RCN
X	19	1210	Rcn Col 13th reports area SW of line 7462 to 7355 all clear	S-2 601st RCN
X	20	1211	RJ 531 mortar fire falling there, location of mortars undetermined.	2nd Bn 6th Inf S-2
X	21	1212	Have a look in area 7338 and east north thereof.	S-2 1st RCN
X	22	1150	CP located at 1/200,000 O-7240	1st RCN S-2
X	23	1212	Re message 1212 hrs. use a patrol for this	S-2 1st RCN
X	24	1210	Rt. Ken 720560, all clear on ridge seen no movement on main road, Rt. Van 740610, Rt. Mac 724621 all clear	RCN S-2

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X	25	1225	Rt. Van 730630 French soldiers say much German Inf. vicinity 7761 no tanks cannon seen Van has temporary OP at 730630.	RCN	S-2
X	26	1215	Negative report Patrol at Pichon	1st RCN	S-2
X	27	1243	88mm at 778477 knocked out by 33rd F.A. artillery	S-2	RCN
X	28	1248	Re msg 1229 pls. have those instructions	RCN	S-2
X	29	1257	Rt. Mac 725655, no enemy activity.	RCN	S-2
X	30	1302	What is in area 745475.	S-2	601st TD
X	31	1318	Clearing Oussélia valley, Enemy resistance still very light	S-2	RCN pl French Army
X	32	1320	Rt. Van 760610 all clear Rt. Ken 730570, observes column to south moving east appears friendly Ken is moving east.	RCN	S-2
X	33	1327	Have Ken investigate column he sees and report at once.	S-2	RCN
X	34	1327	Mac Ken 740570 all clear at 1330 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	35	1400	Mac observes no activity from high ground at 715661. Rt. Van 770610. Arabs say much enemy SE toward mts. terrain not maneuverable. Investigating further.	RCN	S-2
X	36	1410	Road mined in vicinity of 1/200,000 5259 by French patrols cannot pass advise re your order to look at area and northeast of 7338. French are engaging small groups of Italians one mile N. of minefields 1355.	1st RCN Troop	S-2
X	37	1420	Rt. Kennel 760570 investigating column to south and moving to determine south flank of enemy reported vicinity of 780600	RCN	S-2
X	38	1105	Maknassy cleared of Axis force by Stack who have returned 120 prisoners of War taken, one man wounded and 2 M's stopped by mines.	II Corps	S-2
X	39	1445	What is happening request information who is south of us	RCN	S-2
X	40	1458	601st T.D. South of you Germans appear to be withdrawing into pass 760479 to 810835 your 2nd pls. right flank should contact Baker.	S-2	RCN
X	41	1459	Road covered by snipers at 7267, 2 men shot Mac holding the position urgently request information on general situation.	RCN	S-2
X	42	1430	In abandoned German position near O-7151 are two position 88mm no guns tracks 21 inches wide 12 ft. between outside edge. This may have been SP 88.	601st TD Bn	S-2
X	43	1440	Rt Ken 770570 column consists of H/T & peep unit not identified Ken now moving NE to locate enemy position and reported Van at 760610 in position to support Ken approach Rt. Mack 715661 with patrols working defiles to north.	RCN	S-2

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X	44	1503	Nothing support in Mac, can he clear out Snipers? What is to east of him.	S-2	RCN
X	45	1440	Moving CP to Point O-6833.	1st Ren	S-2
X	46	1535	Have Mac send patrols east to BI 834682.	S-2	RCN
X	47	1540	Rt. Ken 780590 tks low on gas, arabs report Germans to NE confirming previous report Kennel will close on position from SW Van from NW. Then both will move north to support Mac who is working to east and north of his last Rt. can Baker move northward.	RCN	S-2
X	48	1556	Baker ordered to high ground area 7553. Recall tanks vicinity your CP to wait orders. Ken re advised of position NE of your platoons.	S-2	RCN
X	49	1610	Mac reports thin line of Inf in bushes from 7267 SE to 7565 will engage them re msg 1535 Van moving north to position. Ken will isolate enemy position in his vicinity.	RCN	S-2
X	50	1624	Have Mac capture thin line in the bushes. Advise me of all progress.	S-2	RCN
X	51	1636	Enemy Inf. reported at 752527.	601st	S-2
X	52	1620	Rt. Van prior to moving north 780600. Ken fired on scattered enemy Inf. at 7958 no return fire. Re msg 1556 tks already returning & in area 7553. correct.	RCN	S-2
X	53	1621	Negative report 1600	1st Ren	S-2
X	54	1646	Do not plan to pull in your plate tonight.	S-2	RCN
X	55	1645	Rt. Ken 780590 situation quiet Van proceeding north, Mac instructed to clear out Inf. at 1600 hrs. awaiting report re msg 1615 request answer.	RCN	S-2
X	56	1702	Booby traps have been found in abandoned German positions. Be careful.	S-2	All units.
X	57	1703	Three British Booby trap experts killed by new type booby traps in Ousseltia valley, details unknown but traps in mine fields.	S-2	French Army II Corps
X	58	1725	Are you certain that RJ at 775764 is clear. What about the pass 390 yds SE thereof.	S-2	RCN
X	59	1725	Re msg 1120 my CP at 660540. Rt. Van 790650 moving NE, Rt. Mac 750640 moving NE reports hearing shelling to NW can't identify Ken moving to determine enemy south flank no further firing. Re msg 1703 we reported booby traps in that vicinity	RCN	S-2
X	60	1750	Move your CP forward to vicinity GBMF take tanks and section T.D.'s will join you. British 760695. Can Van contact them before dark be careful, they won't expect him.	S-2	RCN
X	61	1750	Ken sending in nine German prisoners with maps and equipment from Rt. 770580. Van unable to reach 775764 before dark.	RCN	S-2

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- X 62 1805 Plats must stay out. Have them prepare careful bivouacs and keep contact. Inf. moving up. With what enemy is Van in contact what has Mac done against thin line. S-2 RCN
- X 63 1812 Report CP at once. S-2 RCN
- X 64 1800 Negative report continuing mission. 1st RCN S-2
- X 65 1858 Infantry will be at Ousseltia at 1930 hrs. Where you were already ordered to pick up. If you need so much unable to understand why Ken sent back his tanks. These must return to you with Inf. and are at CP carry this out at once. S-2 RCN
- X 66 1824 Van received intense fire at 7965 from ridge to the east 8065 has setup defence position. Prisoners and tanks from ~~Ken are on way to my Rt. Re msg 1850. Impos 1500. Van to contact British at my present CP 660540 have advantage of observation and central location by good roads is it possible to remain.~~ S-2 RCN
- X 67 1415 Enemy hold with good position for automatic fire coord. O-769470. About 25 men and light arty fire 20 men observed & fired on by arty at coord. O-0770 0480 early reports held up lack of communication will report on the hour. 26th Inf. S-2
- X 68 1720 Enemy skirmish line now established between 771475 and 779 471 along road enemy force estimated to be a company.
- X 69 1845 Minimum of one plat Inf. for each of my plats is required to hold these positions each plat can send a guide to pick them up at 642455 Rt. Plats next msg must remain here until arrangements completed before reporting to CP advise. RCN S-2
- X 70 1915 Move your Cp as ordered. Get the Inf. as ordered. Report CP as soon as possible as ordered and don't waste time arguing. S-2 RCN
- X 71 1937 Any prisoner identifying himself as George S. Bachin will be brought directly to S-2, CCB S-2 All Units
- X 72 1900 Negative report continuing mission. 1st RCN S-2
- X 73 1930 Re my msg 1845 are 3 plats Inf. at 642455 so guides can be arranged am bringing prisoners when report to CP tanks were instructed to come to my CP. A guide will pick them up at your CP. RCN S-2
- X 74 1943 Re your message 1930 hrs. See my answer 1858 hrs. Prisoners should be sent to sage Ousseltia at once. S-2 RCN
- X 75 2000 Negative report continuing on mission. 1st RCN S-2
- X 76 2005 Rt Ken defense positions 7257 Van & Mac have joined for defence at 7565 Van fired on from 7958 to 8060. Nothing seen in valley Plat guides will pick up Inf. am on way to your CP. RCN S-2

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- 77 2100 Negative report continuing on mission. 1st RCN S-2
- 78 2150 Bivouac for night continue same mission tomorrow. S-2 1st RCN
- 79 2000 Situation in Pichon Fondouk area no change since 2400 hrs. 24th Jan. Info as to this area will be relayed promptly by CC A and this Hq's. 1st AD S-2
- ~~80 2330 Relay to Capt. Vaiter where we picked up the prisoners. there are also about 25 wounded French, if you can contact French Medics and send them out in morning we will try to evacuate them Kennel. RCN S-2~~
- ~~81 2400 Negative report continuing on mission 1st RCN S-2~~

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X	1	0043	One of our tanks & other booty can be picked up at 650470 if you will send wrecker & crew at once. 6th Inf awaits you there	S-2	Maint. Co.
X	2	0045	Have notified Maint Co. to send wrecker to 653470. Please show them tank & booty and beware of booby trap.	S-2	2nd Bn. 6th Inf.
X	3	0102	Send wrecker to 7256 instead of coord. given last msg.	S-2	Maint Co.
X	4	0120	Relay to Capt. Yelter doughboys have arrived their orders are to return at dawn see if you can contact necessary party to have them remain fast - Van 6116	RCN	S-2
X	5	0808	All quiet pls. proceeding on missions 0800	RCN	S-2
X	6	0910	Rt. Ken 720570 moving to follow patrols to south S.E. Rt. Van with attached Inf. 760660. Patrols have moved N.E. to observe position enemy occupied yesterday sea activity but no yet. Rem. of Van moving slowly over rough terrain. Mac moving northward to contact British Rt. 770650 Goums properly guided last night results not yet known	RCN	S-2 identified
X	7	1019	What news of thin line reported last night by Mac from 7267 to 745655? Pull Ken north of arc from 7050 to 7459 to Pege. Other units will Rcn S.E. of this arc, general situation quiet 26th took objective & 400 prisoners.	S-2	RCN
X	8	1005	Rt. Mac OP 682574. Rt. Mac 770650 scouting hill to north. Rt. Van 780650 reports Arabs say Germans are one Kilo north Rt. Ken 740650 has contacted Baker & moving east	RCN	S-2
X	9	1008	Negative report	1st Rcn	S-2
X	10	1031	Report results of last nights patrol activity. Use your tanks as you see fit. Find the enemy in the north. Will try to join you after lunch. Your Rcn front now narrowed so your pls can be mutually supporting	S-2	RCN
X	11	1037	You may limit your Rcn to whatever patrols or OP's you deem necessary to notify us of any movement from Pichon or infiltration in area north of Pichon rd.	S-2	1st RCN
X	12	0930	Enemy position in defile O-771475 reduced in night attack. 20 odd prisoners taken contact with enemy let when assault was completed. Prisoners were probably an outpost. The remainder of the force withdrew under cover of darkness before the assault.	S-2 26th INF	S-2 CCB
X	13	1050	Ken 750520 all clear, Rt Mac 770670 investigating MG fire to front. No report on thin line yet. Rt. Van 790680 moving around north flank of enemy position reported yesterday no resistance yet.	RCN	S-2
X	14	1117	Negative report continuing mission	1st RCN	S-2
X	15	1122	Van hitting stiff opposition Mac moving to support his left flank Ken moving up from S.W. to enemy south flank positions coming.	RCN	S-2

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Northwest Africa

			RCN	S-2
X	16 1130	Reminder of friendly unit at roadblock at Ogeghn	S-2	RCN
X	17 1135	Unknown number enemy at 7525397	601st	S-2
X	18 1201	Re your msg of 1101, enemy is unit previously reported as small. You should be able to finish it off.	S-2	601st
X	19 1225	Re msg of 1120 give location & size of enemy force. Give Rt. platoons.	S-2	RCN
X	20 1223	Van moved back to 786670 after engaging German Inf. line running E & W of 8067, many good Germans lying back on hill & one taken prisoner. Ken moving north from 740530. 1215.	RCN	S-2
X	21 1230	Rt. Ken 730590 continuing on to vicinity of 800610. - 1226	RCN	S-2
X	22 1228	Twin engine enemy planes flying high alone 1210, above our C.P. altitude about 4,000 feet, 1220	1st RCN	S-2
X	23 1225	Re msg of 1120 give location and size of enemy force, give Rt. platoons.	S-2	RCN
X	24 1245	Enemy activity observed at OP 800 - 550, time observed 1020 - 1115, and 1235 hrs. 601st T.D. near out of range for FA Btry's	C.O. 27-FA	S-2
X	25 1257	Negative report 1250	1st RCN	S-2
X	26 1315	Mac proceeding S.N. from 780670 to investigate re your msg 1120 Van reports many inf east of 8067. Natives say some arty, Van now moving to vicinity 8066 and 8065. Ken moving from 730590 to vicinity 800610.	RCN	S-2
X	27 1321	Rt. Van 780670 can observe enemy move north about 8067. Mortars falling near Vans rt. position suitable for Gardner and rings OK.	RCN	S-2
X	28 1140	Have reconnoitre area at Sidi Bou Sid point T-7246, point T-4041 impassable off roads. Roads difficult. Opinion local personnel need 2 days of wind as today or 4 days of sun, Terrain is excellent if dry.	C.G. C/C A	S-2
X	29 1405	Negative report 1402	1st RCN	S-2
X	30 1415	Enemy btry rptd at 8068 last night. What information of Mac & Van.	S-2	RCN
X	31 1411	Rt. Mac 750670 moving S.W. Rt. Ken 740620 moving E. Rt. Van 780670 reports enemy aircraft being active over his area.	RCN	S-2
X	32 1445	Rt. Ken 780590 moving N. saw several soldiers 1200 Asimuth but unable to reach. Sending Lt. French to you with information about Van & to get a receiver urgently required for Van.	RCN	S-2
X	33 1510	Negative report continuous patrolling in our zone by our patrols reveal nothing.	1st RCN	S-2

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Northern Africa

		MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPOSITION
X	34	1516 Rt. Mac 730670 advancing slowly towards hills appears to be Cooms there now, investigating	RCN	S-2
X	35	1519 Message received from 33rd FA, Capt. Greed has observed tps moving north in vicinity of 835430 estimated to be 2 Bns.	26th Inf.	S-2
X	36	1540 Please send enemy information in clear as it is disrupting our communications	S-2	II Corps
X	37	1555 Mac has contacted French at 730670 French hold the line 7267 to 745655 and also fired on Mac has guide to move north and contact British.	RCN	S-2
X	38	1610 No enemy encountered east in my area to coord. 74. Patrol was fired on by arty. when they were at 158543 they moved west and 2nd Bn was fired on. they observed 19955. 2nd Bn's gun 75 on the road was covered by fire. no casualties to my patrols.	27th Inf.	S-2
X	39	4 bursts mortar fire observed at 785544, 5 men observed in dugouts.	27th FA	S-2
X	40	1623 Being attacked by 8 German Dive bombers, dropped one bomb	1st RCN	S-2
X	41	1650 Van and Ken have joined at 790670 laying assault gun fire on enemy position at 7967. Extent of enemy lines in this area to be determined before dark.	RCN	S-2
X	42	1717 Enemy reported approaching from east 7441 from 33rd FA. Bn	27-FA	S-2
X	43	1720 Investigate enemy reported approaching from east at 7441.	S-2	1st RCN
X	44	1745 Rt. Ken 780640 with dism'td patrol working east of wadi. Enemy Inf. observed at 8065 no definite results known of our assault gun fire on 7967, more to follow	RCN	S-2
X	45	1830 Rt. Mac 725674 contacted British C.P. about 7172 enemy definitely hold RJ 766695. Having LR at 755705 & 755695 but shell RJ several times daily indirect fire Rt. Van 790660, several groups Inf. observed at 8065 mts. from 8063 N.E. appear to have scattered groups of Inf. heard firing about 7669 am standing by for instructions Rt. plats.	RCN	S-2
X	46	1832 Negative report 1800	1st RCN	S-2
X	47	1917 Bivouac all plts in area of 1st Plats as of 1800 hrs.	S-2	RCN
X	48	1943 Re msg 1725 patrol reports that friendly troops are holding area east of 7441.	1st RCN	S-2
X	49	1958 No enemy activity my patrol sector REF enemy arty vic. 8255 & gun btry not 75 small cal. extreme range of guns 749544	2nd Bn 6-Inf.	S-2
X	50	1952 Van & Ken at 770640. Mac at 724674, all pls. low on gas, amm, food, water, Inf. officer attached wants to know thru you what his orders are summary of enemy situation to follow.	RCN	S-2

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PLACE: OUSSULTIA

DATE: 26TH JANUARY 1943

Northern Africa

NO	OUTNO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPOSITN
X	51	2000	Information obtained from Italian PW indicates that "Spurga" Div. has been dissolved into separate Brig. also that there are no more than two German in Italy. Majority of Italian military forces are concentrated in Sicily & So. Italy. This report is considerable credible.	Lt. Buscy 26th C.T.	G-2, II Corps S-2
X	52	2201	Quote above msg addi. forward above report verbatim but in as much as the two Italian Officers captured are a Dr. & Padre respectively the report is not, repeat not, considered credible by this Hq's awaiting the capture of Major-General for confirmation.	S-2	G-2, II Corps
X	53	2000	Negative report	1st Bn	
X	54	2045	Inf. remains attached to you tonight, unnecessary for you to report C.P. tonight. Continue same mission tomorrow and go to bed.	S-2	RCN
X	55	2052	Van & Ken report enemy Inf. lines NE along ridge from 8063 and from 7768 along ridge to 8278. Patrols covered area from 7961 N to 7968 today to determine above positions together with an attack by Vans force at 1100 hrs. on hill 7967 taking and holding same until German mortars & Inf retook the ground with Inf in hour & again from 1600 to 1630 hrs. laying assault gun fire on 7967. Re my msg 1823, correction on enemy held RJ to read MG at 775705 not 775767 standing by for tomorrow mission 2052 no other msg.	RCN	S-2
X	56	2100	Negative report	1st RCN	S-2
X	57	2130	Can you furnish guides at Church at Ousseltia at 0630 hrs. tomorrow to pick up allstuff about which we spoke will have these two trucks, a French detail & Engineer Officer.	S-2	2nd Bn. 6th Inf.
X	58	2150	No enemy contacted by my patrols.	2nd Bn 6th Inf	S-2
X	59	2350	Re: msg 2120 "Stuff" yes, will have Guides at church.	"	S-2
X	60		Situation 1800 hrs. S RWK destroyed MG & Mortar positions 7571 & made contact with Recce elements CCB 5 Bluff makes light advance & it is hoped Tr-out abty on RJ 7488 tomorrow from 36th Brig British.	36-Bri	S-2
X	61	2205	Return British minefield instruct ss attached to you to Capt. Roworth at Gafsa Fredendall 2205	C.G. II Corps	S-2

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29TH JANUARY 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	2400	Negative report	1st RCN	S-2
x	2	0020	Patrols report no AA guns with enemy.	6th Inf.	S-2
I	3	0237	The French take over the Prisoners, aid them in any way possible.	S-2	Supply
x	4	0810	My Rt. at 682574, Rt. Mac 725674, Rt. Van & Ken 770650 plats will work N.E. from line to 800610 with Mac left, Van center plus Inf. Ken right patrols are working towards these sectors, now.	RCN	S-2
x	5	0900	Negative report	1st RCN	S-2
x	6	0900	Positions the same, no report yet from patrols	RCN	S-2
x	7	1000	Negative report	1st RCN	S-2
x	8	1008	Pls. preparing to fallow & join there patrols present locations the same food gas mail have been delivered to them	RCN	S-2
I	9	1014	Report weather & state of terrain in upper valley, are you in contact with enemy on road from 7471 to 7669 and in wood area 8064. Report at once.	S-2	RCN
I	10	1020	One of my patrols found tracks of unknown tank tracks are 26 wide, distance between tracks 12' L.O. from left flank states 6 - 40 ton tanks seen in northern end of valley.	6th Inf.	S-2
x	11	1020	Attached Inf. say Ringsack has ordered them to return in contact with your msg 2045 yesterday standing by for advise.	RCN	S-2
x	12	103	Inf remains with you. Situation very quiet.	S-2	RCN
I	13	1100	Negative report.	1st RCN	S-2
I	14	1108	Inf. moved back on Ringsacks order at 1040 hrs. Your msg 1037 came too late Inf. disregarded instructions to remain plats need Inf. support today advise.	RCN	S-2
I	15	1116	Try to cope without Inf until late afternoon. Advise when contact shows enemy strength requires Inf.	S-2	RCN
I	16	1107	Dagwood rd reports its own patrols vicinity 767531. Our observers will take enemy vehicles under fire if seen	27th F.A.	S-2
x	17	1128	Rt. Van 780670 received rifle & mortar fire near by reports heavy arty barrage being laid about 7767 time 1110	RCN	S-2
x	18	1137	Artillery probably British. Keep me informed situation quiet.	S-2	RCN
x	19	1155	If it is clear at 795675 have Van push across the road to the north to see if he draws fire.	S-2	RCN
x	20	1151	Arty firing at Van from vicinity 7667 enemy seen along E.W.I line on ridge from 7768 to 8070.	RCN	S-2
x	21	1200	Negative report	1st RCN	S-2
x	22	1213	Van reports small group enemy Inf. carrying mortars moving S. along base of Mt. to right re msg. 1155 Van drew fire to the north. Re my msg 1128 Ken now moving to Vans right flank.	RCN	S-2

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IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	23	1224	Imperative you quickly determine strength of known enemy positions and push north across the road along its entire length speed in of the essence.	S-2	RCN
X	24	1230	Rt. Mac 760680 but shelling to No. Van reports Inf. filtering thru to E. along Mt. & wadi Inf. only observed needs support if you want this position held.	RCN	S-2
X	25	1238	If your platoons draw heavy fire north of road. Pull them back, but must know at once, enemy north of road.	S-2	RCN
X	26	1245	You are not to hold any position, but push your plats north as ordered side slipping enemy after determining strength & position. Speed essential situation Quiet.	S-2	RCN
X	27	1300	Negative report	1st RCN	S-2
X	28	1314	Van must attack position along ridge to find that information. Enemy have arty on ridge with wide open valley between. Am waiting for Mac & Ken reports from the flanks as to possibility of getting thru. Support required if attack necessary.	RCN	S-2
X	29	1331	Get the information without attacking. Give exact position of enemy on ridge and his equipment. Get around him if possible. No support available now. Try to define his flanks. Exact information now vital. Keep reporting. Situation Quiet.	S-2	RCN
X	30	1400	Negative report	1st RCN	S-2
X	31	1412	Report situation. Riggsok is on the way. When he arrives, release T.D. guns to Baker at his old bivouac.	S-2	RCN
X	32	1420	Keep reporting attempt to find flanks and Btry locations. Phillipsborn is on way to your CP. Have a guide on the road to meet him. British report no enemy AT guns known to be in your area.	S-2	RCN
X	33	1435	TD guns just sent forward to Van but will release as instructed Mac reports enemy holds ridge up to cross roads. Moving east to advance as terrain to front is wide open valley to the ridge Van spotting 75's thru Ren by fire and observing enemy line. 7867 to 8267, 1435 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	34	1350	Message timed 1240. No pictures of PZKW VI in possession but 5 corps will probably proved if asked.	36-Bde	S-2
X	35	1500	Negative report.	1st RCN	S-2
X	36	1507	Rt. Ken 770640 all clear Arabs say 2 Co's Germans & 2 Co's Italians are around 8265 and along w. base of Djebel Serdouk unconfirmed as yet.	RCN	S-2
X	37	1520	Give Rt. all platoons keep trying to get enemy locations and flanks.	S-2	RCN
X	38	1545	Rt. Van 780670, Rt. Mac 760670, Rt. Ken 760360, Ken moving to 790650.	RCN	S-2
X	39	1600	Give information on tanks you mentioned at 1410. Try to define enemy position along road to north & keep trying to out flank it. Information of ridge still desired. Give RT platoons.	S-2	RCN
X	40	1600	Negative report	1st RCN	S-2

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27th JANUARY 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	41	1608	Rt. Mac 760670. But shelled cross roads at 1500 hrs. Van reports small scattered groups enemy Inf. along line 7767 to 8267 in hills in immediate area. Also scattered groups estimated at two companies N.E. from 8166. Philipsborn now with mm.Mac.	RCN	S-2
X	42	1625	Rt. Ken 785645 receiving Mortar fire source unknown Van observes Inf. digging in but ordered to hold his fire.	RCN	S-2
X	43	1220	Identified enemy units from Siliana front 906 Co. German 756 Al Pine Regiment. German situation report Bonarado to Robaa nothing to report, no enemy activity observed. Buffe locate E Co. 7483. west Kents company road junction 7669 Co. 7572 Company 7469. 26th Inf. road 6896 - 7272 source 26th Brig.	LT. FRANKS L.C.	S-2
X	44	1700	Negative report	1st-RCN	S-2
X	45	1700	Rt. Mac 760670, Rt. Ken 785645, Rt. Van 780670, standing by for report on tanks. Where is Ringsok. What will be disposition of plato. tonight, to run with Van until Ringsok arrives	RCN	S-2
X	46	1800	Negative report	1st RCN	S-2
X	47	1815	Plato moving into position. Rt. not yet reported am standing by for instructions.	RCN	S-2
X	48	1906	Mac in position at 715666, Van and Ken at 776656, by Rt the same 682578. During afternoon Mac observed mortar fire coming from approx. 7771 landing approx 7468, Ken unable to locate mortars if firing on his rt at 785645 from 1600 to 1630 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	49	2140	Bivouac platoons where and as you please. No need to report C. P.	to S-2 Ren	

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28th JANUARY 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	1	0800	Rt. Mac 715666, Rt. Van, Ken 770650. Preparing to move out on missions van to contact Inf. for coordination & protection of their right flank Mac moving to vicinity of their right flank Mac moving to vicinity of 8062 and 8260 Ken in between Mac & Ken will develop enemy south flank.	RCN	S-2
X	2	0840	2 enemy pursuit planes flying south altitude 4000 ft.	1st RCN	S-2
X	3	0953	MG firing heard about 2 miles S.E. your C.P. patrol in vicinity checking	1st RCN	S-2
X	4	0920	Our forward observers & Dogwood being fired upon by your fire reported from 7th F.A. to 27th F.A.	27th FA	S-2
X	5	0920	The 33rd Field reports vehicle followed by one tank coming west through pass at 820443.	27th FA	S-2
X	6	0934	Rt. Van 710660 has contacted Ringsok. Rt. Ken 750640 observed hundred Inf. vicinity 7757 investigating mortar fire observed from my C.P. landed in vicinity 7757. Hitting truck belonged to MG. Mac Rt. 770620	RCN	S-2
X	7	0955	Mac reports Inf msg 0934 proved to be doughboys mortar fire unaccounted for yet.	RCN	S-2
X	8	1000	Negative report 1000	1st RCN	S-2
X	9	0939	What kind of tanks were destroyed by Van assault gun.	S-2	RCN
X	10	1005	Firing in Mts. east of read 7442 - 7338 is from friendly troops.	1st RCN	S-2
X	11	1023	Pull in Ren Co. preferably near Ousseltia for Days rest report location when closed & come to C.P.	S-2	RCN
X	12	1028	4 ME's MES. just strafed & bombed vicinity 7457 as observed from my C.P.	RCN	S-2
X	13	1040	Enemy dive bombing attack observed from C.P. 601st believed to be on 26th Inf. positions along line 745500 S. to 743480.	601st L.O.	S-2
X	14	1045	MK 4 tanks were destroyed by Vans assault guns. Plats being recalled.	RCN	S-2
X	15	1050	If you can pick up an enemy 81mm mortar shell case which which holds three shells, please do, I want it personally. How many MK 4's did Van get.	S-2	RCN
X	16	1100	Our Inf shelled by mortars vicinity 7759. Mac reports fire coming from approx. 8075. Sgt. Friedwalds assault gun knocked out 3 MK 4's and 2 - 88's. Co. enroute to new bivouac. Peep detail will report as directed - 1110 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	17		Being hit on our left flank & enemy coming thru pass 820440 request immediate support to meet me at entrance to this pass.	Stack	S-2
X	18	1155	Enemy situation as of 1100 hrs. enemy holds ridges immediately south of the Mausolee Karachoun road, coordinate 748705 to 80682 trenches & some Arty area 795675, Mortar fire falling at 8069. Inf. area 8064. Enemy strongly counterattacking what were originally night patrols from 765495 to 820440.	S-2	All Units

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IN/OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	19	1200 Negative report	1st RCN	S-2
X	20	1202 French line retirement General line 7628 N. 7641 Cavalry (horses) flanks arty behind enemy. Strength & composition unknown.		
X	21	1220 Note action already reported 8054 and be prepared to inter- vene with assault guns on order in the meanwhile rest.	S-2	RCN
X	22	1300 Negative report	1st RCN	S-2
X	23	1357 Information from P.W. 3rd Bn. of Arditi Regt. now on Dj. Hafa with 2 German Bns, supported by tanks in the plain to the east there of. Prisoners state mission to hold ground & gain knowledge of our strength they expected to find our position held by De-Gaullists.	S-2	II Corps
X	24	1109 American tanks are apparently using the same frequency as Germans tanks it is implicated by information from P.W. that considerable tactical intelligence is being obtained by the Service from our own tanks. Radio traffic such as place, names, moves & concentrations in the clear 28th.	II CORPS	CG CCB
X	25	1400 Negative report.	1st RCN	S-2
X	26	1411 Enemy information on Ousseltia valley as shown on overlay 21st to 25th Jan incorrect, entire valley now in our hands.	S-2	G-2
X	27	1300 C.P. located at 7242	1st RCN	S-2
X	28	1345 16th Inf. reports being fired on by enemy Inf. near 755711	13-F.A.	S-2
X	29	1424 From 33rd F.A. - 26th Inf. less 3rd Bn. C.P. bombed enemy line forward & south of slope Djebel-el-Hafa. Our main line high ground near.	27th F.A.	S-2
X	30	1430 Enemy used flame throwers at 1230 hrs., at O-7946. Carried by one man. They threw a flame less than 20 yds. long. We destroyed one. Days results:- killed 50, wounded 50, Took 70 prisoners, 6-77mm field guns and ammunition.	26th Inf	S-2
X	31	1500 Negative report	1st RCN	S-2
X	32	1600 Negative report	"	"
X	33	1700 Negative report	"	"

CUSSELTIA
29th JANUARY 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
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X	I-1310		Cusseltia - Nothing to report	L.O.	
			ROBAA - " " "	FRANK	S-2
			PICHON - " " "		
			FONDOUK - Patrol activity around DJ. HALLIUF.		

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X 1 1759 Request air Rcn of Kairouan - Pichon and Kairouan -
Fondouk aress as of Dawn 2 Feb.

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2nd February 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	1	0600	Rt. my CP 740050, Rt. Van 740990, with patrols to 780960 Rt. Mac 670130, Rt. Ken 720170 all clear. 0600 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	2	0700	Positions same all clear, all quiet	RCN	S-2
X	3	0900	Positions same all clear, can you clarify your msg.	RCN	S-2
X	4	0930	Rt. 7499 patrols to 7996 all clear patrols report bad tank terrain in their area 0930, 3rd plat. Rt. same all clear, 1st and 2nd Plat. 0930	RCN	S-2
X	5	1000	Rt. 7499 all clear 1000 hrs. 3rd Plat.	RCN	S-2
X	6	1005	Rt. same all clear - 1005 hrs. 2nd Plat.	RCN	S-2
X	7	1009	Rt. same all clear, 1st plat.	RCN	S-2
X	8	1110	Rt. same all clear	2-RCN	S-2
X	9	1255	800966 impassable. One way good weather to and thru 798923. Rt. same all clear, 1st, 2nd and 3rd plats. 1300 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	10	1300	Rt. same all clear, 1st, 2nd and 3rd plats. 1300 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	11	1330	Rt. same all clear, 1st and 3rd plats.	RCN	S-2
X	12	1400	Rt. same all clear, 1st, 2nd and 3rd plats.	RCN	S-2
X	13	1430	Rt. same all clear, 1st, 2nd and 3rd plats.	RCN	S-2
X	14	1500	Rt. same all clear, 1st, 2nd and 3rd plats.	RCN	S-2
X	15	1600	Rt. same all clear, 1st, 2nd and 3rd plats.	RCN	S-2
X	16	1646	One vehicle seen moving south on road at 8415 type of vehicle unknown	2-RCN	S-2

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3rd February 1943

IN/OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	1 1155	2nd Bn 1st A.R. strafed 3 times by 4 ME 109 and twice by 2 FW while closing bivouac area 0740 hrs. Damage radiator and 2 tires 2½ ton truck punctured.	II CORPS	MAJ. W.B. Chase
X	2 1200	We were bombed and strafed by 3 German Planes at 1145. Our 50 cal. AA Fire appeared to be hitting planes. One plane withdrew into Sun smoking. No casualties, either personnel or vehicular.	S-2 601st T.D. BN	S-2
X	3 1210	One friendly 2½ ton vehicle observed burning on road 14km east of Maktar. Telephone line cut on road 14km east of Maktar. Observation of bomb fragments show bombs to be about 500 lbs.	S-2 601st	S-2
X	4 1330	Pivat is thought to be tanks MT south to coor T-6427. area report many Germans dressed as Arabs in Generally coor. T-2020 at 1345 hrs.	G-2 81st	S-2
M X	5 1540	Capt. Yeiter report to CP at once.	S-2	RCN
Y	6 1620	Re your msg. 1540 Yeiter just arrived here. Will return as directed at once. Advise on change of plans for tonight at once.	RCN	S-2
X	7	No changes in plan. If Capt Yeiter wishes to march w/Co. go ahead other wise report at once.	S-2	RCN
X	8 0921	Roads running east and north east from FAID pass appear clear men are well dug in east of pass. No activity on heights north and south this is a repeat of our NR 139 to JCART - FCARB Fence from BB	BB	S-2

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4th February 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	1	0900	Report to C.P.	S-2	RCN
X	2	0855	Have Co. A 16th Engrs. send Drivers here to get CC B map truck	16 Eng.	S-2
X	3	1030	For immediate compliance	S-2	16th Eng.
X	4	1421	No rain next 24 hours. Outlook unsettled.	1st AD	All Units.
X	5	1430	Estimated one company moving north fired on our Ren. at T-7034 at 1100 hrs. Increased enemy elements in this area.	INTERCEPT	
X	6	1620	Return to DIV at once all air Photos not applicable to your area.	G-2 1st AD	S-2

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MAKTAR

5th February 1943

IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	1	0900		Weather forecast for 5 Feb. outlook fair. Becoming clearer surface winds slight variable.	1st AD	S-2
X	2	1230		2 ME 109's flew in observation over the bivouac of the 27th Field Artillery at 0750	MM	S-2
X	3	1105		Preliminary tests indicate probability front of Pa MK VI impervious to 6 pdr. with present uncapped ammo; 6 pdr. effective against side including turret up to 600 yds. up to 30; therefore essential all guns be sited for enfilade fire. One bore 75 grenades, undetonated and 3 detonald laid on top of bore will stop tank. Give information distribution.	FRANK	S-2
X	4	1200		Sitrep 4/2/43 - Matinet Sector - Dj. Mansour & Dj Allilagat occupied by us. Patrols sent out into the Kausalee area find the ground N & NE of this lightly held. Translation from French Sitrep	FRANK	S-2
X	5	1745		All Clear	RGN	S-2
X	6	1815		40 German tanks, 2000 burdes with food & amm. seen on Tunis Gren Balia road moving S. Rpt. call on 3 Feb. on the road from Enfidaville to 3 KM N. Rpt. N. 4000 Italians, 84 lorries, 30 Arm'd cars, 40 light tanks, 15 heavy tanks reported 2 Feb. Enfidaville is point of departure for Kairouan & Pont Du Fah	II Corps	S-2
X	7	1850		Your msg 1815 hrs. acknowledged. Such information should be more promptly sent.	S-2	II Corps

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MAKTAR

6TH FEBRUARY 1943

IN; OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	1 0900	Unable to state whether truck column reported Tunis; Enfidaville second & third Feb. went to Kairouan or to Sfax or possibility II Corps Pont Du Fahs.		S-2
X	2 0925	Situation unchanged only action long range arty dual between 6th French & Germans yesterday effect negligible INTERCEPT	Inf.	Div
X	3 1052	Potential value of radio unit enormous. Request it be furnished with codes call signs, additional sets which it now lacks. If this is impossible unit would be more valuable. Where these are available unit personnel state with this additional equipment we can know what Jerry is doing at once.	S-2	II Corps
X	4 1037	Ordinary administrative traffic on radio. Ren Co. making Ren. as Corps. ordered, reports no enemy activity.	S-2	1st Inf DIV 19th Corps
X	5 1040	Retention of intercept equipment considered of highest importance. Pls. send immediately necessary codes etc. necessary to make information of immediate value. Time factor of greatest importance to this unit. Also request Photo unit signal corps for tactical use.	ROBINET CG CCB	II CORPS
X	6 1115	Submit inventory of Maps in CC "B" Map truck as soon as possible	S-2	Co. A 16th Eng.
X	7 1140	6 prisoners were captured from German Patrol reported in message of 1100 hrs. (INTERCEPT)	6th INF.	DIV
X	8 1100	A German patrol approached Sidi Bou Gabarine at 0730 hrs. The Patrol was fired on by French MG's & Arty & drive off several Germans killed, one wounded & captured INTERCEPT	6th INF	1ST A.D.
X	9 1345	Photo team request being forwarded to 1st A.D. as complete team assigned them	II Corps	S-2
X	10 2000	Send 1st intelligent CZECHOSLOVAK captured to Corps C.P.	II Corps	S-2
X	11 2135	Report 7 Feb. K Rain. 8 to 10th incl., no rain. Windy & cool	1st AD	All Units.

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7th March 1943

Maktar

IN	QUE NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	1	0922	Please return Geologic Map as soon as possible.	S-2	CG-B
X	2	0951	Bessman & Lewis have no transportation. Request that they be furnished a jeep with driver as I have no transportation available and they are of little use without it.	S-2	II Corps
E	3	1030	Have your Ron Officer report CP as soon as he comes in.	S-2	2nd Bn 1st AR
X	4	1200	Get copies of the pictures of Ps KW VI which 19th Corps has.	S-2	FRANK
X	5	1400	All clear	2-RCN	S-2
X	6	1445	Rt. 7653, O.P. 7765, all clear 1445	3-RCN	S-2
X	7	1600	All clear	2-RCN	S-2
X	8	1618	Meeting of all S-2's at 1400 hrs. CP tomorrow 8th February	S-2	All units.
X	9	1700	All clear, 2nd & 3rd Platoons	RCN	S-2
X	10	1730	As of 0900 hrs. Feb 6th, one jeep will be available, with Driver at the Parking lot near the C.P.	S-2	HQ-13th
X	11	1730	0740 hrs. Feb 7/43. 2 FW 190's flew over the area immediately east of Maktar. They appeared to be strafing, but no damage is reported by any of our units.	FRANKEL	
X	12	1735	Be ready to return Lt. S is on his way.	S-2	Corp Lenny S-2
X	13	1745	Rt. 7455	RCN	
X	14	2030	Will you please send Camera (35m/m) By mgr. to S-2 section CG-B (Maj. Philipsborn)	S-2	Lt. Klein DIV

8th February 1943.

NO	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	1	0635	All clear Rt. OINN made contact with company of Friedwalds west of Rt 0610.	RCN	S-2
X	2	0728	All clear 0700	RCN	S-2
X	3	0900	All clear, 3rd Plat.	RCN	S-2
X	4	1000	All Clear, 3rd Plat.	RCN	S-2
X	5	1049	A peep is essential for Latman & crew. If unavailable may we keep the transportation he brought. We have none available	S-2	II Corps
X	6	1100	All clear, 2nd Plat.	RCN	S-2
X	7	1200	All clear, heavy air activity, 3rd Plat.	RCN	S-2
X	8	1200	All clear, 2nd Plat.	RCN	S-2
X	9	1224	Re your msg 1200 hrs. What is meant quote heavy air activity unquote. Be more explicit.	S-2	RCN
X	10	1320	Arty fired 7655 cannot determine direction target unknown no activity.	RCN	S-2
X	11	1400	All clear	RCN	S-2
X	12	1450	Observed approx. 100 men at 795555 truck moved into area at 1430 hrs. men unloaded same into wadi north of above position man on horse back supervising job one group possibly digging gun position will continue to observe.	RCN	S-2
X	13	1540	Observed 50 horsemen move south towards pass moved into same at 1530 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	14	1612	100 detrucked in wadi north of 795555. Possibly constructing gun position. 50 horsemen seen moving south through pass at 8155 at 1500 hrs. This is first activity our Ren has noticed in valley.	RCN S-2	19th Corp 1st A.D.
X	15	1616	If practicable use assault gun on personnel observed. Our Inf. taking similar action report result.	S-2	RCN
X	16	1634	No knowledge of movement of French troops	S-2	RCN
X	17	1640	Fire at new detruckment at 795555. If they are still there.	S-2	RCN
X	18	1635	Are we to fire or not?	RCN	S-2
X	19	1640	At 1647 hrs. OP reports men have dispersed from vehicles. No sign of house. Men are with holding fire for target.	RCN	S-2
X	20	1718	Can you destroy vehicles. If so do it.	S-2	RCN
X	21	1720	Arty making direct hits, No movement seen in area.	RCN	S-2
X	22	1800	No more movements	RCN	S-2
X	23	1815	Good	S-2	RCN

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INR	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPOSITION
X	1	0700	All clear	3/plt.	S-2
X	2	0900	All clear	3/plt.	S-2
X	3	0821	It's Bessman & Lewis are order to return to CP II Corps to CC/B for Philippeborn from Dickson, signed CG II Corps	1st AD	S-2
X	4	1000	All clear got prearranged code from Windmill Group. They are sending same to you. Let me know when it can be put in effect.	8/plt.	S-2
X	5	1050	At 1040 OP reports about 30 men moved west through pass went out of sight at 794558 two men digging possible OP at 799561. No movement visible now.	3/Plt	S-2
X	6	1107	Watch 30 men carefully, can you ambush them, informing Inf. All quiet elsewhere.	S-2	3/Plat.
X	7	1045	This will explain msg. from 3rd platoon Ron Co. 13th A. R. Will come from 1st Inf. Div. as Windmill Group is the 16th Inf. Rest.		S-2
X	8	1107	Watch 30 men carefully, can you ambush them. Inform Inf. All quiet elsewhere?	S-2	RCN
X	9	1116	Windmill is taking care of them.	RCN	S-2
X	10	1130	Approx 3 Bn. of Inf coming on Pass at Dj. Bou Dabouss. Our arty working on them. Will advise further.	1st Inf	S-2
X	11	1130	Windmill reports approx 3 Bn of Inf. coming through Bou Dabouss pass. Their arty engaging them. What do you see?	S-2	RCN
X	12	1130	Jerry returning fire. landed 7554	RCN	S-2
X	13	1132	Windmill reports approx. 3 Bns. Italian Inf. coming over DJ. BOU DABOUSS Pass. Windmills Artillery engaging them. Report not yet verified by our RCN.	S-2	19th Corp
X	14	1131	OP saw about 40 additional at 1130. Now no movement.	RCN	S-2
X	15	1145	Windmill now reports that there are many less than 3 Bns. Our RCN reports 70 men. Windmill states situation well in hand.	S-2	19th Corp
X	16	1200	Arty registering on objective. No movement since last night report. German arty searching valley. 4 Guns counter Btry	RCN	S-2
X	17	1300	All movement ceased since Arty fire all clear.	RCN	S-2
X	18	1410	Can you pot fire on 795555. If so, do.	RCN	S-2
X	19	1415	Windmill outfit in position to fire as this movement has ceased by my firing will disclose my position.	RCN	S-2
X	20	1530	All clear	8/Plt.	S-2
X	21	1600	All clear	3/Plt.	S-2
X	22	1655	Patrol located about 400 rds. 75 rifle amm. will give location if desired. OP reports pass by ones and twos	RCN	S-2

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PLACE: - MAKTAB

DATE: - 9th February

REF	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	23 1740	Please give exact location amm. instructions will follow if necessary is it ours or enemy.	S-2	RCN
X	24 1755	Amm is ours. at 735535 O.P. reports 25 to 30 men have filtered through pass since last report disappearing into Wadi about 895555.	RCN	S-2
X	25 1820	S-2 will deal with ammunition	S-2	RCN
X	26 1615	S-2 report Negative report. 2nd plat.	1st AR	S-2
X	27 1952	TELEPHONE - 1st Inf. 8 hrs. situation generally quiet. Patrols report no enemy seen. Confirmed by air Rec. eleven enemy trucks destroyed between Senad and Maknaas by air craft. eleven unidentified vehicles 2095.	Corps	S-2
X	28 1800	S-2 Report 1800 hrs. 8 Feb. 1800 hrs. 9 Feb. A3. Two enemy planes flying high toward the west at 0730 hrs. 9 Feb. over bivouac. Two enemy fighter planes very high flying NE at 1415 2nd hrs. 9 Feb. over bivouac. French OP at 632 was raided by Corps BN. is maintained with NCO & 2 men on hill 529. No activity other than sporadic artillery fire. No definite targets. Our officers has carefully checked mines fields at 565314 and 580305 as shown on overlay of your Hq's 6 Feb. and reports that they do not exist.	C.O.	S-2

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IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPO-
X		2	0700	601st TD BN- S-2, Periodic Report 9/10 43. No contact, negative report.	601st TD	S-2
X		3	0739	All clear, 3rd platoon	RCN	S-2
X		4	0745	Negative report for period	RCN	S-2
X		5	0748	Not our men, probably Gardiner or Baker. Don't fire today unless forced to. INTERCEPT	RCN	3-plt.
X		6	0759	One unidentified plane flying west approx 2130 hrs. 9-2-43. This Am no activity	Service	S-2
X		7	0800	Air activity negative	Maint	S-2
X	X	8	0945	Minefields shown on our overlay at 565314 & 580305 do not exist.	S-2	27- PA 601st TD
X		9	0945	Minefields shown on our Rcn overlay of Feb 6 at 565314 and 580305 do not exist.	S-2	2-Bn 13th 2-Bn 1st AR 2-Bn 6 INF
X		10	1030	How large a body? are you firing at it? Is Windmill?	S-2	1st Inf DIV 34th DIV RCN
X		11	1030	Men filtering through seem to be spreading north along valley 25 since last report total so far about 2 plats.	RCN	S-2
X		12	1035	Nobody has fired. Windmill is notified	3-Rcn	S-2
X		13	1050	Windmill will fire, if you can do so keep reporting what do troops seem to be doing.	S-2	C.O.3rd 1st AD
X		14	1055	No movement since 1000. OP report.	3-RCN	S-2
X		15	1120	Have It's Bassman & Lewis report to CP at once with Peeps they are with Capt. Frankel.	S-2	Maint Co. B-47th A-16th
X		16	1130	All clear some smoke rising from Wadi mentioned before probably cooking fires.	3-RCN	S-2
X		17	1143	Re your msg 1130 hrs. move your SP away from OP and drop a few on smoke. Report results.	S-2	3-RCN
X		18		The following unconfirmed identities from Prisoners captured Feb 2nd. area Y-47. 2 Pl. 3 Co. 22 Engr. Bn Soh Abt. 334. Hq. Co. 2 Bn. 92 Inf. Regt. 15 Bn. 31 Tk. Regt. Gafsa area - Our radio at 2 Ennauch station ceased sending after an enemy armd attack. Central Tunisia. Enemy activity, troop movements Inf & car from the E. to W. in the plain N & S of DJ. Bou Dabouss about 2 Co's about 100 men were dropped.		
X		19	1150	Windmill in position to fire at target of opportunity, fires too widely scattered for one gun to be any use. Denno is alerted. OP reports no movement.	3-Plat	S-2
X		20	1212	3 light mortar shells landed 800575 can hear MP in about same area target unobserved no activity in pass	3-RCN	S-2

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PLACE: MARTAR
DATE: 10th February 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPOSITION
X		21	1300	All Clear		
X		22		Enemy activity - Negative 0800 hrs.	2-Rcn	S-2
X		23		In compliance with verbal order CG GCB 9 Feb. 43, Subject:- Enemy action, negative report is submitted 0900hrs.	Co. A 16th	S-2
X		24	1352	All clear		
X		25	1400	Observe smoke from one fire in Wadi no movement visible.	3-RCN	S-2
X		26	1500	No enemy activity, all clear 2nd and 3rd plats.	3-RCN	S-2
X		27	1600	No enemy activity, 2nd and 3rd plats.	RCN	S-2
X		28	1800	No activity, 2nd and 3rd plats.	RCN	S-2

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PLACE: MANTAR

DATE: 11 February 1943

IN	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPOSITION
X	1 0600	All clear	RCN	S-2
X	2 0700	All clear	RCN	S-2
X	3 0750	Negative report for period 0745	RCN	S-2
X	4 0830	All Clear	RCN	S-2
X	5 0835	All clear this area, Negative report	S-2	II Corps
X	6 0700	S-2 Periodic Report 601st TD BN, Negative report for period	601st TD	S-2
X	7 0800	No enemy activity observed in this area during preceding 24 hours.		
X	8 0730	No Enemy activity	2-13th Maint Co.	S-2 S-2
X	9 0800	Air activity - Negative	16-Engrs	S-2
X	10 0800	No enemy activity to report.	Service	S-2
X	11 0800	No enemy activity observed during hours of blackout light 10/11		
X	12 1145	In compliance with verbal order CG CCB 9 Feb. 43 Subject: Enemy action, Negative report is submitted.	2-13th Co. C Maint	S-2 S-2
X	13 1240	All clear, 2nd Platoon	BN RCN	S-2
X	14 1310	No enemy activity	RCN	S-2
X	15 1400	All clear	RCN	S-2
X	16 1440	Three heavy shells landed at 777566. apparently ours. No activity	1st Inf DIV	S-2
X	17 1530	5 men observed at 7856 unable to identify as soldiers due to rain	RCN	S-2
X	18 1600	All clear, 1st and 2nd platoon	RCN	S-2
X	19 1700	All clear	RCN	S-2
X	20 1800	All clear, 1st and 2nd platoon	RCN	S-2
X	21 1900	All clear, 1st and 2nd Platoon	RCN	S-2
X	22 2000	All clear, 1st and 2nd Platoon	RCN	S-2
X	23 1800	OP crew reports no activity either friendly or enemy. Report that road leading SE to Fichon from CCB elements bivouac area is extremely slippery due to present weather conditions.	2-13th	S-2

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 PLACE:- MANTAR
 DATE:- 12th February 1943

IN:OUR NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPOSITION
X	1	0700 All clear, 1st and 2nd Plats.	RCN	S-2
X	2	0800 Negative report, all clear	RCN	S-2
X	3	0912 Negative report, all clear	S-2	II Corps
X	4	0830 OP observed no activity. No activity in vicinity of bivouac 2-6 Inf		S-2
X	5	0914 No enemy activity noted in this area.	C.O. TRAINS	S-2
X	6	0915 In compliance with Verbal order CG CCB 9 Feb. 43, Subject enemy action: Negative report is submitted.	Co. C Maint Bn	S-2
X	7	0750 No enemy activity	Co. A 16 Bn	S-2
X	8	0755 No enemy activity	Service	S-2
X	9	0800 No activity: Negative report	Maint Co.	S-2
X	10	0800 No enemy activity in this area in last 24 hrs.	2-13th	S-2
X	11	1000 All clear 1st platoon	RCN	S-2
X	12	1100 3 men observed moving north from 8855 to 7856 disappeared in Waddie, 1st Platoon	RCN	S-2
X	13	1100 No enemy movement in this vicinity, 2nd platoon	RCN	S-2
X	14	1200 All clear, 1st platoon	RCN	S-2
X	15	1300 All clear, 1st platoon	RCN	S-2
X	16	0700 S-2, 601st TD Bn. Periodic report 11/12 No contact, negative	601st	S-2
X	17	1405 All clear 1st platoon	RCN	S-2
X	18	1500 Heard report of our small cannon about 40mm apparently from behind pass. Observed no activity.	RCN	S-2
X	19	1935 11-2-43, Owing to lines being down, no Sitrep at present from 5 Corps, 46 Div or 6 AD, there has however been no activity on these fronts today.	L.O. LT. FRANKS	S-2
X	20	1940 1st Army urgently require the following information: 1. Units under command CCB 2. Personnel strength in units. 3. Vehicular " " " 4. Units of fire for units.	L. Co. C.S. CCB	S-2
X	21	1615 2nd Bn 1st AR - S-2 Periodic Report. Negative	1st AR	S-2
X	22	2040 Information - 25 enemy tanks 0807377, enemy trucks parked O-7953 - O-817360. Please ask Capt. Moran if he has received FRANK Marco Map ref; code yet.	FRANK	S-2
X	23	2260 SITREP II CORPS (12th 1800 hrs.) Enemy concentration N of Samed bombed. Results not known, nothing else to report. 6 Armd Div - During whole day civilians and cattle moving E from areas J6915, J7315, J7415, J7402, J7403. 4 Bombs dropped by enemy A/C J626093, no details otherwise no change. 46 DIV - No Change. 78 DIV - No change Tac/R. No movements rds O-8095, O-7085, O-7587, J-8202, O-8390 2 small tanks O-7987.	LT. FRANK	S-2

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 PLACE:- MARTAR
 DATE:- 13th February 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPOSITION
X	1	0700	All clear, 1st and 2nd Plats. 0600 to 0700 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	2	0745	Negative report for period	RCN	S-2
X	3	0800	All clear	1st Pl.	S-2
X	4	0800	No change in situation	2nd Pl.	S-2
X	5	0915	All clear 1st and 2nd platoons	RCN	S-2
X	6	0835	No enemy activity observed during hours of blackout 12/13	2-13th	S-2
X	7	1100	No enemy activity, all clear, 1st and 2nd platoons	RCN	S-2
X	8	1040	INTERCEPT - One of our patrols advanced to within 200 yds. of the base of hill 206, map coord. O-8314, at 0245 hrs. and were fired on by rifles from hill 206. French report that there are 3 MG's nests located at 206.		INTERCEPT
X	9	1140	Check and report condition of terrain in the valley today and daily hereafter.		S-2 RCN
X	10	1154	All clear - 2nd Plat.	RCN	S-2
X X	11	1200	Indicate source of information @ 25 enemy tks., How recently are they known to be there?	S-2	It. FRANK
X	12	1200	Have observed no enemy activity in vicinity east of pass. OP report situation same.	2nd Pl.	S-2
X	13	1300	One man observed moving in pass at approx 7955. No other movements; Hear heavy shelling all morning.	1st Plat	S-2
X	14	1334	INTERDEPT - 75 to 100 enemy vehicles observed moving south at 8743.	81st	
X	15	1400	All clear 1st and 2nd Plats.	RCN	S-2
X	16	1000	Permits to bear arms in American sector has been given by G-2 Corps to Maj. Quiney (British) MO Point 1 PMO Point 1 Point SP & A2 man operate with him. Men all bear Spanish names. Request your troops be notified of their possible presence in this sector. Identifications will be above Permit signed Dickson & the use of the counterain. Quote Pronto Quote. Further verification to be obtained from G-2 Corps or Maj. Quiney at sunset if necessary.	II Corps	S-2
X	17	1338	Div Arty will fire arty mission tonight vic. pass N-Dj. Bou Dabouss. Stay out of N. of Bou Dabouss till after midnight.	G-3	S-2
X	18	1529	2 light mortars exploded at 774557 unable to determine mortars probably ours in Pass also observed 2 soldiers in dark uniforms walk past from cactus & disappearing in small wadis 786544. 1st Plat.	RCN	S-2
X	19	1530	A check & report on the conditions of terrain each day in the valley is to be made. report due 0900 hrs. and at other times necessary if conditions change. Use a peep to get the information then send it to me by radio using following code all is well - terrain good for tanks, all is quiet, terrain wet, slow but passable, no activity, terrain impassable for tank. No movement, terrain impassable all vehicles. Little activity, high ground passable for tank, but low ground too	RCN	S-2

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19 (Cont'd) wet, soft, impassable, little movement high ground light vehicles, low ground impassable all vehicles. Nothing to report. Tanks restricted to roads only. No report. Roads passable only to light vehicles. Prefix each report by the hour 0400 hrs. no activity. Nothing to report 1300 hrs. all is well.

X	20	1630	All Clear, 1st Plat.	RCN	S-2
X	21	1750	Our arty shelling at 802550 and 797575-observed no activity at those points 1st plat.	RCN	S-2
X	22	1800	All clear, 1st Platoon	RCN	S-2
X	23	1900	All clear, 1st Platoon	RCN	S-2
X	24	2000	All clear, 1st Platoon	RCN	S-2
X	25	1950	Re your msg 1140 hrs. following reports submitted today 1800 hrs. all well 1945.	RCN	S-2
X	26	2215	All clear - 0100 hrs. No change (to 00:00) from ret. advance Hq 1st Army from the Metess L41 issued at 1400 hrs. today all informed.	Corps	S-2

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TIME	TIME	REMARKS	REMARKS	REMARKS
X	1 0630	All clear	RCN	S-2
X	2 0730	All clear at 0630 and 0730 from 2nd and 3rd Plts. from 2nd Plts. visibility good all clear at 0700 and 0730	RCN	S-2
X	3 0805	Visibility good all clear 0800, 1st and 2nd Plats.	RCN	S-2
X	4 0815	Rcn reports no enemy activity in valley from Dawn to 0800hrs.	S-2	19th Corps
X	5 0830	Visibility good all clear	RCN	S-2
X	6 0900	Still no enemy activity in valley or Pichon	S-2	19th Corps
X	7 0918	All quiet OUSSELTIA valley & Pichon	S-2	1st AD
X	8 0920	Intercepts indicate a strong tank attack of approx 50 tks east of IE SUDDA near FAID, ALL Quiet here.	S-2	19th Corps
X	9 0930	All clear, 1st and 2nd Plts.	RCN	S-2
X	10 0938	INTERCEPT - We need air support. We can not get it from this end, Inf in trucks moving around kts. N. LESUTA Inf. in trucks moving between FAID & SIDI BOU SID. ANS: Air has already promised support on that target.		1st AD
X	11 0940	INTERCEPT - 20 Unidentified vehicles moving N. out of pass Map Coor. T-6426 - 10 of vehicles moving N.E. & 10 moving S.W.	81st	DIV
X	12 0955	Enemy tanks IE SUDDA area now engaged by arty fire. Several hit. Enemy Inf. moving behind hill at LA SUDDA & a convoy moving W. through MAKNASSY pass.	S-2	19th Corps
X	13 0955	Still all quiet here	S-2	1st AD
X	14 1022	All quiet here 1000 hrs.	S-2	1st AD 19th Corps
X	15 0925	INTERCEPT - 1 U.S. Plane knocked down 0845 hrs. Pilot safe. We have hostile contact on Plane	6th Inf.	DIV
X	16 1015	INTERCEPT - Enemy situation no change. Our arty still has enemy tanks under fire and is restricting their movements enemy tanks are now reported moving north thru MAKNASSY Pass 20 veh. reported before our Arty & tanks.	CCA	DIV
X	17 1020	30 tanks in formation at T-5432 moving in SW direction.	CCA	DIV
X	18 1038	Enemy acting against our position east of Sidi Bou Sid. Quiet elsewhere. Keep a good watch.	S-2	RCN
X	19 1100	All clear 2nd Plat.	RCN	S-2
X	20 1103	STILL all quiet here	S-2	19th Corps 1st AD
X	21 1135	Summary of CCA activity at 0700 - Area T-6863, shelled by enemy 0715 -same area attacked by 30 enemy tanks. Leading elements at T-7262. Patrols report T-6863 overrun by enemy tanks, our own tanks counterattacked at 0830. Latinet- Nothing to report (FRANK TO S-2		

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IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPOSITION
X		22		INTERCEPT - Have moved Biggens around still firing, just attacked by 2 Stukas, Boss thinks time for reserve tps to relieve Johnny up on Oasis. To: CG CCA - Decision is that it shouldn't be done in view of En. Tps. between our forces.		1st AD II Corps
X		23	1130	INTERCEPT - Tanks still moving N.W. on flat T-5435 still in formation spread out very well.	81st RCN	CC A
X		24	1200	All Clear 1st & 2nd Plato	RCN	S-2
X		25	1216	Still all quiet here.	S-2	19th Corps 1st AD
X		26	1230	11 Enemy tks reported proceeding West T-4535 are under observation of Engr Rcn. maybe sum total of tanks in that area	1st AD	CCA
X		27	1230	All clear 1230 to 1300 hrs., 1st and 2nd Platoons	RCN	S-2
X		28	1330	All clear, 1st Platoon	RCN	S-2
X		29	0700	S-2 Report 601st TB BN. Negative, No contact with enemy	601st	S-2
X		30	1310	INTERCEPT - 8 enemy tanks contacted at Map Coordinates T-7656 at 1315 hrs.	81st RCN	Div
X		31	1327	Command Post now at T-4256, 1300 hrs.	81st	DIV
X		32	1320	Unknown number of german tanks 40 miles east from Sbeitla at 1320 hrs.	DIV	All Units
X		33	1335	Enemy tanks estimated at 30 in number north of DJ. HAFEX at T-3811 and headed in direction of Fariana at 1215 hrs.		INTERCEPT
X		34	1400	All Clear 1st and 2 nd Platoons	RCN	S-2
X		35	1425	6 bursts of MG fire and 4 shorts from approx 40 mm cannon heard coming out of pass 8155, could observe no movement all else quiet, 2nd Pl. 1417 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X		36	1430	Re your msg. 1417 hrs. report any other activity at once.	S-2	2-Pl. RCN
X		37	1433	All quiet here	S-2	19th Corps 1st A.D.
X		38	1500	All clear, 1st and 2nd Plats.	RCN	S-2
X		39	1520	INTERCEPT - Air observation reports 100 enemy trucks with personnel proceeding SW along N slope DJ. MELOUSSA T-6527. About 1410A. XPG reports unknown number of enemy tanks 14 miles SE of SBEITLA at 2315A. 8 enemy tanks at T-7656 same time.		INTERCEPT
X		40	1350	G-2 our outpost report enemy digging in Arty on NW slope of DJ-LESSOUDA INTERCEPT		DIV
X		41	1520	INTERCEPT - Rcn elements of 21 PZ DIV seen on the SIDI BOU SID, GAFSA road. Probably Rec. towards GAFSA.	DIV	ALL UNITS
X		42	1530	All Clear, 1530 to 1600 hrs. 1st and 2nd Plats.	RCN	S-2
X		43	1554	All quiet here.	S-2	19th Corps 1st AD
X		44	1620	OP says they heard mortars in vicinity of 7324 at 1530 hrs. Am going to confirm - 1620, 1st Pl.	RCN	S-2
X		45	1643	Precise information Re PICHON area highest importance. Advise further re your message 1620 hrs.	S-2	RCN

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Place:- MAKTAR

DATE :- 14th February 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPOSITION
X	46	1652	Re msg 1620 hrs. motors have been found to be airplane in dog fight behind hill. All is quiet.	RCN	S-2
X	47	1700	All clear, 2nd Plat.	RCN	S-2
X	48	1721	INTERCEPT - French OP reports firing 4 kilometers south of DJ IIMA at map coordinates T-5478 French OP can see tanks which are proceeding toward north from the south of DJ. IIMA.	DIV	All Units
X	49	1807	Maintain vigilance tonight repeat missions tomorrow ack.	S-2	RCN
X	50	1852	Report of Bombs D SIDI SIDI Battle at FAID & tks at T8545 & 6 trucks at T924214 reports 4 tks going SW at T8253. 3 tks looked as if they were shelling an area over knoll SW of T8253 camouflage guns tanks at T8735 strafed & MG and 2 trucks destroyed 40 to 50 men killed.	BANK BOOK	
X	51	1818	Your msg 1807 acknowledged. 1818	RCN	S-2
X	52	2010	All quiet here	S-2	1st AD
X	53	2011	Advise of any activity anytime during night, ACK.	S-2	RCN
X	54	2040	Msg 2011 Ack. 2040	RCN	S-2
X	55	2026	Pass between DJEREL EZ ZIYOUN & DJEBEL ALI ACUN fell into enemy hands at 1815 hrs. 1910A INTERCEPT.	II Corps	1st AD

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PLAC: MAKTARDATE: 15 February 1943

TH	COY	NO	TIME	MESSAGE		
X		1	0600	All Clear here	S-2	19th Corps
X		2	0700	All is well, all quiet 0700	RCN	S-2
X		3	0710	Inf. WPS reports hearing many motors of tanks in vicinity 7918 have sent out patrols to try to gain direct observation if at all possible.	RCN	S-2
X		4	0758	Must have information of any tank movement in region mentioned or elsewhere, ascertain & report at once. Pichon Fondouk road open & tanks may be ours.	S-2	RCN
X		5	0823	Forward reports as soon as received from Patrols. Urgent	S-2	RCN
X		6	0835	No further report re: 0710 msg 0810	2-Pl.	S-2
X		7	0840	What about the tank noises? What result of your patrols investigation?	S-2	2nd Pl. RCN
X		8	0942	All quiet this sector 0830 hrs.	S-2	19th Corps
X		9	0850	Re tank noises there is no more report of noises & my patrols have not yet returned. I am going out to check now.	2-Plat RCN	S-2
X		10	0825	INTERCEPT - Drake request bombing attack on enemy in, at 7749, advancing from SW on Scars. Also am being shelled.	Co. A S1st	S-2
X		11	0837	INTERCEPT - There are 2 German Tks & 5 trucks still sitting at same Pt. 7.2 - 44 - 0820 hrs.		DIV
X		12	0955	No more motors heard & no movement seen in area of 7918. I have patrols out searching this entire part of country.	2-Plat RCN	S-2
X		13	1000	All Clear 1000 hrs.	1-Plat.	S-2
X		14	1018	Our arty shelling 8159. All else quiet. 1018 hrs.	1-Plat	S-2
X		15	1040	190th Ps. Abt. is taking part in attack in the south having been moved there from KAIRCUAN a Bn of the 7th A.R. (10th Pk. Div) is in KAIRCUAN area. The 580th Rcn Bn (90th Lt. Div.) is before Gafsa. The 131st A.D. (IT) is still massed at Gabes. TELEPHONE MESSAGE.	MAJCR BALFOUR 1st Army & Co. with 19th Corp	S-2
X		16	1100	It has been reported that enemy withdrew from pass Map coor. T-2332 & T-2540 sometime last night.	DIV	All Units
X		17	1100	Seven rds of approx 81mm mortars exploded 775563 apparently came from pass at 8055 also single men seen walking in pass all else quiet.	RCN	S-2
X		18	1114	Try to ascertain what is in Pass mentioned your message 1100 hrs. Can it be used by tanks Advise at once.	S-2	RCN
X		19	1130	Patrol went out 7819 but could see no movement in vicinity also Inf OP reports no more noises or movement since early this morning 1120.	2-Pl. RCN	S-2
X		20	1140	Pass held by Inf. have heard some MD fire few more small arms and light cannon in last few days small trails leading into pass tanks possibly could come one at a time however it is constantly under observation.	2-Pl. RCN	S-2

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PLACE: MAKTAR

DATE: 15th Feb. 43.

IN (C)	NO	TIME	MESSAGE		
X	21	1148	INTERCEPT - Sever M/C at SIDI BOU ZEP AA5 T-7253, 10 to 15 well dispersed trucks & tanks at T-5030 also 20mm AA T-6035 Arab hut with gun protruding supposedly Anti-tank aircraft shot up burned Armored vehicles T-8053	DIV	6th Inf.
X	22	1200	All Clear	1-2 RCN	S-2
X	23	1215	20 med. tks. & 50 men at T-6050, small arab village, 1 Co. men at Sidi Bou Sid, Intercept Air Ren report. All quiet this sector.	S-2	19th Corps II Corps
X	24	1250	Heavy enemy vehicles T-6555 at 1050		INTERCEPT
X	25	1400	All Clear, 1st and 2nd Platoons	RCN	S-2
X	26	1400	INTERCEPT - 1215 - 1315 hrs. - 10 trucks going in SIDI BOU SID straffed, result unknown 5 to 10 trucks & arm. vehicles T-8857 fired on result unknown 1 yellow sedan and 4 vehicles T-8652, 2 arm. cars at T-8337 well camouflaged, 10 to 12 tents T-9357 fired on by friendly trucks T-5272, 1 plane slightly damaged.	AIR RCN	All Units V DIV
X	27	1200	INTERIM SITREP 6 Armd Div. No change 78 Div 46 Div Nothing to report. Weather fine - tracks drying	L.O. Lt. FRANK	S-2
X	28	1315	INTERIM SITREP II CORPS 1000 hrs. GAFSA force complete withdrawn FERIANA area	L.O. FRANK	S-2
X	29	1035	Prisoner of War interrogation indicate in area GABES - EL GUESTAR, 2 & 3 Co's 1/132 Regt (contrascarri) also 4-5-6 Co's same Regtl. 132 A/T Regt believed was attached to CENTAURO battle group. (1st Army adv.)	L.O. FRANK	S-2
X	30	1500	Our artillery registering at 8057. All else quiet 1500	1 Plat	S-2
X	31	1500	All clear	2 Plat	S-2
X	32	1507	INTERCEPT - At 1200 hrs. mod. heavy flak T-8059 in air battle FAID area with 6 FW 190's claim 1 shot down 3 damaged heavy traffic both ways SW SIDI BOU SID		All Units.
X	33	1600	All Clear, 1st and 2nd Platoons	RCN	S-2
X	34	1600	Phone message to Lt. Frank; General Robinett has urgent need for at least 3 copies of FRENCH 1/200,000 Map covering area south of MAKTAR sheet Send at once.	FRANK Lt. S#2 FRANK	
X	35	1721	Enemy returned about 15 rounds of approx. 75mm fire in response to our arty apparently coming from behind pass 7055. All else quiet 1721.	1-Plat.	S-2
X	36	1805	All quiet here throughout the day.	S-2	1st AD
X	37	1750	Up 1445 down 1615 anti-aircraft small 2 tanks & 4 trucks at 0-8865, 1 m/c at 0900 no activity FONDOUK-KAIROUAN very little activity. INTERCEPT.	DIV	All Units

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INTELLIGENCE NOTES - 1ST DIVISION SECTOR
HQ., 1ST INF. DIV. 14 Feb. 43, 2300 hours.,

1. Sector generally quiet. Increased activity, believed to be German, in valley north of DJEBEL BOU DABOUSS. Our patrols were active.

2. Air activity: 2 planes over vally in morning, 2 in afternoon.

3. Intermittent machine gun fire vicinity O-7460, at 1730

4. Light tank believed enemy at O-7959 at 1735.

5. German mine field reported at 772537. Enemy gun emplacement observed at 791539. American mine field at 790545 believed removed by Germans.

6. German patrol, strength reported by ~~what was 21 men~~, passed west from 765535, at 1430 hours. Last man of patrol observed by our Engineer Officer Patrol.

7. Enemy OP located at O-802528 on DJEBEL BOU DABOUSS destroyed by artillery fire. 150mm btry located at O-814452 neutralized by our artillery.

8. High ground at 790548 held by enemy. Strength unknown.

9. Enemy artillery, caliber 150mm was received at Fichon. Counter battery work was initiated.

X	39	1859	All clear & quiet	2-Plat	S-2
X	40	1900	All clear	1-Plat	S-2
X	41	2000	Prepare all Platoons as warned.	S-2	RCN

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PLACE: SREITIADATE: 16 February 1943

TELETYPE NO.	TITLE	MESSAGE		
X	1 0953	INTERCEPT - Enemy concentration vicinity T-2544 & T-3544	81st	DIV
X	2 0915	INTERCEPT - Enemy tanks advancing W. of T-4065. They are in 3 waves. Troops there request reinforcement.	81st	Div
X	3 0940	Move your Co. at once to locate & maintain contact with enemy tanks reported at T-4065 at 0930A. Report composition strength & direction of movement.	CG CCB	RCN
X	4 0940	Three waves of enemy tanks reported advancing W. of T-4065 at 0915 hrs.	S-2	All Units.
X	5 0910	INTERCEPT - Enemy tanks reported T-4263 moving west.	DIV	All Units.
X	6 1010	6 hostile arm'd cars also in area. Watch for King's men	S-2	RCN
X	7 0945	10 - 12 hrs. at T-4757, 1 burnt tank at 0827L, 1 truck going west at 0-8517, 1 truck going west at 0-9220, large battle going on in vicinity of 3590 observed from air at 0930. "INTERCEPT"	Div	All Units.
X	8 1020	10 tanks believed hostile, at T-4857. Battle near T-5960, observed from air at 0730 hrs.	S-2	RCN
X	9 1022	Tanks for which you are looking. Reported withdrawing, find them.	S-2	RCN
X	10 1030	INTERCEPT - Battery of 88mm at T-7244, request air on them	81st	DIV
X	11 1030	Btry of 88mm guns at T-7244. Vehicles you are searching for may be friendly.	S-2	RCN
X	12 1035	INTERCEPT - 7 Enemy tanks being taken under fire at T-5366 by our forces at 1000 hrs.	DIV	All Units.
X	13 1038	7 hostile tanks being fired on at T-5366 at 1000 hrs.	S-2	RCN
X	14 1100	Tanks seen moving east from 2863, cannot identify	RCN	S-2
X	15 1100	Rt. 4071 all clear	RCN	S-2
X	16 1102	Re your msg 1100 hrs. which way are they moving. Make your information complete.	S-2	RCN
X	17 1107	Our Rcn reports area 4071 all clear.	S-2	1st AD
X	18 1115	Re msg 1100 hrs., tanks moving east, they are friendly	RCN	S-2
X	19 1132	INTERCEPT - Enemy troops 150 closed column at 715465 moving toward Gured - Hadid. Request air at once.	168th Inf	DIV
X	20 1144	Ref my request of bombers on enemy troops 715465 advance guard has now reached Gured-Hadid, column followed by 3-4 troop carriers, request bombardment. INTERCEPT.	168th Inf.	DIV
X	21 1148	Re my msg 1125 hrs. If Patrol finds no hostile tanks in area entire KOUHIN & Kramnga area must be thoroughly searched for enemy, if impossible to do it by other means you may use reserve Platoon.	S-2	RCN
X	22 1152	INTERCEPT - At 1120 hrs. extensive movement of unidentified vehicles on main road from D]. Losoudda.	81st	DIV

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PLACE: SBENTLA

DATE: 16 February 1943

FILE NO.	MO	TIME	MESSAGE	DIV	DIV
X	23	1205	INTERCEPT - 5 enemy tanks at T-5054 headed towards Dj. Hamra. Enemy attacking from T-7048 Inf. & Arty.		DIV 1st Bn 6th Inf.
X	24	1150	INTERCEPT - Enemy Arty at T-7253. Bursts, enemy Inf. in position east slope of hill T-7452 heavy A.A. flashes in vicinity T-7260. Much vehicles traffic to La Scouda & Sidi Bou Sid.	DIV	81st RCN
X	24	1220	INTERCEPT - 2 trucks at T-7148 and T-7149 each drawing a 4 wheeled gun.	DIV	81st
X	26	1225	Must have Rts & complete report.	S-2	RCN
X	27	1225	Rt. 4868 sending Patrols to 4865 and ? 2nd Pl. ordered patrols not to take all vehicles forward too much conjunction. No report from Patrol.	RCN	S-2
X	28	1220	INTERCEPT - Escaped P.W. says many Germans tanks hiding in Sidi Bou Sid. Last night some of them 486.	CGA	DIV
X	29	1235	Rt. Ken 3267 at 1155 hrs. Rt Van 4868 at 1230 hrs. Why are you not copying all msg. Ken?	RCN	S-2
X	30	1238	What is your Rt? Where is Mac? What have you to report? Answer.	S-2	RCN
X	31	1240	Contacted Kern at position N. & S. 5565 doughboys hold high ground south of rt. 4868. 6 enemy tanks at 5764, 8 moving up from 6363, 6 tanks 5053 O.P. overlooks all terrain forward patrols with doughboys. 1220	RCN	S-2
X	32	1315	INTERCEPT - Enemy vehicles at T-5466. We are in contact with them.	81st	DIV
X	33	1330	OP reports unknown number of vehicles moving NW from about 5353 too far to much dust to observe accurately	RCN	S-2
X	34	1330	INTERCEPT - Small party of vehicles have been moving out of Sidi Bou Sid towards SW & W. & E. also 3 tanks out of Sidi Bou Sid to the east.	81st	DIV
X	35	1410	My Ren reports all clear area 3561 at 1355 hrs.	S-2	1st AD
X	36	1420	Vehicles were 12 enemy tanks stopped at Oasis about 6257 will continue to observe.	RCN	S-2
X	37	1412	No change OP moving to better position to observe vehicles	RCN	S-2
X	38	1418	40 tks reforming for attack 5761 at 1400 hrs.	S-2	RCN
X	39	1418	40 hostile tanks reforming for attack at T-5761 at 1400 hrs.	S-2	RCN
X	40	1428	My Ren reports 12 enemy tanks at 6257 at 1420 hrs.	S-2	1st AD
X	41	1429	12 enemy tanks reported at 6257 at 1420 hrs.	S-2	All Units
X	42	1443	Intercept shows vital information being sent in clear & informing enemy of our movements	S-2	1st AD
X	43	1444	Could we have back Radio intercept unit.	CG CCS	II Corps

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PLACE: SBETILA

DATE: 16 February 1943

IN	CU	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	RCN	S-2
X		44	1455	All Stack gone will remain in observation they report, 40 tanks but cannot see them from O.P. or patrol 1440 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X		45	1505	Rt. 3862 can see many vehicles moving S.W. from 4761 cannot identify will continue to observe 1500	RCN	S-2
X		46	1510	OP says 12 tanks still at Oasis 6257 see nothing of 40 tanks reported by other sources only tanks seen appears to be our lights to N. Main Faid road in front of our defense line	RCN	S-2
X		47	1525	Kerns outfit following O'Reillys advise OP still sees no enemy movement.	RCN	S-2
X		48	1530	Quote O'Reilly	S-2	RCN
X		49	1405	INTERCEPT - 40 enemy tanks reported forming for attack at T-5761.	DIV	All Units
X		50	1530	Kerns outfit still following O'Reillys still sees no enemy movements 1525. Re msg 1530.	RCN	S-2
X		51	1555	Our OP reports our arty drove back 6 enemy tanks, North 5053.	RCN	S-2
X		52	1610	6 tanks again moving north, despite arty fire, present RT. 5057	RCN	S-2
X		53	1640	Van move to vicinity 3862 and work S.E. Ken to vicinity 3058 and work S.E. Mac to vicinity 2053 and work south plan to occupy these position tonight.	RCN	S-2
X		54	1645	Rt. 3057 reconnoitering route to position 1630	RCN	S-2
X		55	1648	Rt. 3058, 2nd Pl.	RCN	S-2
X		56	1743	Hostile tanks approaching Kern's position at 1700 hrs. They will be engaged by our tanks for your information and guidance.	S-2	RCN
X		57	1743	OP withdraw under fire 5065 same area under heavy enemy arty fire. 3rd Pl.	RCN	S-2
X		58	1730	26 Veh. moving N.W. from Sidi Bou Sid some of our vehicles withdrawing, throwing smoke pots will observe.	RCN	S-2
X		59	1740	ly Ren. observes 26 vehicles moving N.W. from Sidi Bou Sid before which some of our vehicles are withdrawing throwing smoke pots	S-2	1st AD
X		60	1743	Area 5065 under heavy arty fire 1740 hrs. area 2653 clear	S-2	1st AD
X		61	1755	ly Ren reports 15 tks moving west on main rd. plus 10 tks on either flank. They have Inf. support.	S-2	1st AD
X		62	1807	10 tks reported 1755 hrs. were at 5767. More information to come.	S-2	1st AD
X		63	1815	McWatters group moved out to meet tanks 8065 Arty moving back 1610	RCN	S-2
X		64	1815	TD out in tact McWatters fighting delaying action 1640	RCN	S-2

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IN	CUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	RCN	PLS
X		65	1845	One McWatters Pl. intact others still fighting 1845	RCN	S-2
X		66	1850	INTERCEPT - Be careful from 405705 to 365660 to 350675.	RCN	1-2-3 Pls.
X		67	1940	Shall we bivouac here, need water, will send Hironymous as soon as above question answered 1740 INTERCEPT ANS: Stand-by.	RCN 3rd	C.O. RCN
X		68	1715	INTERCEPT - 15 enemy tks towing 88mm guns in vicinity of MAAJIN BEL ABBES - S-8014 enemy Ren. elements driven out by long range arty.	DIV	All Units
X		68	2005	Stand by we are moving	RCN	S-2
X		69	2050	Rt. C.P. 280640 - 8½ miles from old Rt. 2035.	RCN	S-2
X		70	2100	INTERCEPT - Move to vicinity 3862 as instructed by way of my Rt. and stop for water enroute 2045.	RCN	3rd Pl.

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DATE: 17 February 1943.

IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE		
X		1	0250	Nothing to report	RCN	S-2
X		2	0645	All quiet	RCN	S-2
X		3	0710	One btry of 240mm moved in the Sidi Sid area last night. Have you heard from Marks	601st	S-2
X		4	0743	Give Rt all pls. & C.P.	S-2	RCN
X		5	0802	Rt. Van 3069, Rt. Ken 2967, Rt. Mac 3059, Rt. C.P. 280640	RCN	S-2
X		6	0815	Don't make reports to me unless necessary. I will listen only.	RCN	S-2
X		7	0900	Orchard friendly MB abandoned in it heavy arty fire just heard fwd. elements moving toward town.	RCN	S-2
X		8	0835	Few enemy heavy cal. guns firing from T6757 only one gun so far.	601st	S-2
X		9	0907	The wadi is clear to 3372. OP at 3374 great deal of Arty fire coming from east. The CP has not determined the source. Abandoned equipment at 3372 in Olive grove to the north.	RCN	S-2
X		10	0910	All clear	RCN	S-2
X		11	0915	Have Mac send patrol to east of the hill mass N.E. of him	S-2	RCN
X		12	0920	4 tks in wadi 5 miles east of town at 0852 hrs.	S-2	RCN
X		13	0920	Our positions are being shelled & strafed by enemy.	601st	S-2
X		14	0920	81st reports 4 tks in wadi 5 miles east of town at 0852 hrs	S-2	RCN
X		15	0927	Enemy tanks reprd moving on Sbeitla from S.E. of Sbeitla 5 miles SE of Sbeitla: Ans:- How many? Ans:- Believed to be about 5 not certain.	1st A.D.	S-2
X		16	0930	Division reports hostanks 5 miles SE of town moving toward it. Is this true, Advise.	S-2	RCN
X		17	0932	Hostanks reprd vicinity T-3971 moving toward Sbeitla	S-2	All Units
X		18	0940	Jr. Simons wants to know if situation is the same as when he left here.	CC A	S-2
X		19	1005	Rt. 3373 drew in position here. Matters N. Arty behind	RCN	S-2
X		20	0935	Crosby has ordered drew to fight delaying action from tanks approaching from right front of grove cannot observe any enemy movement 0930. Rt. 3466 am moving to get into position to verify tank report, can see nothing of it yet.	RCN	S-2
X		21	1020	Patrols working out, 3 enemy planes over dropped 4 personnel bombs, no damage. Terrain to south & east clear.	RCN	S-2
X		22	1023	My Ron reports all clear area 3059	S-2	1st A.D.
X		23	1023	Request information concerning situation to N & N.E.	601st	S-2

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IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE		
	X	24	1034	Some hostile tks reprd 3573. Not verified	S-2	601st
X		25	1047	INTERCEPT - 1 straggling tank hit by enemy arty 500 yds. in 6-Inf. front of our fwd elements.		1st AD
X		26	1055	Rt. 5163 can see no activity in this vicinity. There is Arty RCN firing now and a fire has been started 1030	S-2	
X		27	1047	INTERCEPT - 3 unidentified vehicles believed to be tanks T-3187		81st
X		28	1100	5 or 6 hostile tanks in wadi at 3872 with one large gun. These shelled grove at 3372.	S-2	1st AD
X		29	1103	Tanks in wadi already reported are making no movement toward town	S-2	1st AD
X		30	1050	About 40 enemy vehicles approx Sbeitla from S. at a scout 5 miles distance. INTERCEPT.	Div	6-Inf
X		31	1106	No tanks approaching town from S.E. within 6 miles & none have all morning.	S-2	1st AD
X		32	1100	INTERCEPT - 3, M4 tanks destroyed by our arty fire last night, 2 enemy soldiers known to have been killed.	81st	Div
X		33	1115	C.P. Ren Co. 280640, 1st Pl. 3059, 2nd Pl. 3463 now moving east, 3rd Pl. 2973 trying to move east.	RCN	S-2
X		34	1155	Enemy arty now shelling the town INTERCEPT		6th Inf. 1st AD
X		35	1200	Ken can count 30 vehicles moving N.W. mostly W. at 4267, same tanks.	RCN	S-2
X		36	1203	30 vehicles including an undetermined number of tanks at 4267 moving West northwest at noon some on H. Wy. 4071 joining tanks at 3872.	S-2	1st AD
X		37	1155	Van place your assault where it can command & fire on movement approach to Sbeitla.	S-2	RCN
X		38	1206	5 enemy scout cars observing at 3658 at noon	S-2	1st AD
X		39	1207	Column you report heading to road. Head of column at 4071 will be joined by 6 tks in wadi at 3872, good hunting	S-2	601st TD Bn
X		40	1210	Column of 30 vehicles including some tks moving from 4267 to 4071. They will be joined by 6 tanks in wadi at 3872.	S-2	27th FA
X		41	1214	Enemy tanks moving to attack our left flank. Enemy Inf. moving to attack right front request reinforcements	601st TD Bn	S-2
X		42	1222	Vehicles of undetermined number type and nationality seen going cross country one west at 3969 at 1220 hrs.	S-2	1st AD
X		43	1230	40 vehicles mostly tanks, moving due west toward Sbeitla in 3 waves at 3772 at 1225 hrs.	S-2	1st AD 601st 27th FA 2-13th
X		44	1230	40 tanks in echeloned battle formation moving West at 3768 at 1225 hrs.	S-2	1st AD

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IN	UN	NO	TIME	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	REMARKS
X		45	1311	Mac forced to withdraw by arty fire and armd cars.	RCN	S-2
X		46	1312	5 Armd cars & arty attacking 1 Ren Pl. at 3658 at 1305 hrs.	S-2	1st AD
X		47	1315	Our own troops, guns, and tks shelling Sbeitla while more of our troops are still to east of it	CG CCB	1st AD
X		48	1305	40 enemy tks approaching our btry's from 3768	27th FA	S-2
X		49	1320	You will cover your retreat by fire & retreat only as far as is necessary from time to time.	S-2	1st AD
X		50	1330	You will see with your assault gun or 37's that armd cars do not get through the gap toward us.	S-2	RCN
X		51	1340	Van has moved West to a new CP at 2475, much enemy arty at 3872. No movement of tanks seen.	RCN	S-2
X		52		No tank movement can be seen to prevent heavy enemy concentration of arty at 3872.	S-2	1st AD
X		53	1358	Can you see any enemy armor in area 2565. Ans:- No, definitely not and I know where of I speak.	S-2	RCN
X		54	1400	INTERCEPT - Our aircraft are flying over enemy positions and we can hear quite a no. of enemy light A.A. weapons	81st	Div
X		55	1407	Enemy tanks now from 3465 to 3469	S-2	1st AD
X		56	1409	Enemy tanks now from 3465 to 3469	S-2	2-13th 27th FA 601st TD
X		57	1414	Our O.P. has spotted some of their arty between rd and RR track, 3373	RCN	S-2
X		58	1414	Some hostile Arty massed between road and railroad track at 3373 at 1415 hrs. It is now firing.	S-2	2-13th 1st AB. 27th FA
X		59	1428	Rt. Mac 275630	RCN	S-2
X		60	1430	ly O.P. sees 24 unidentified vehicles in approx area along main road 3672 heading west toward town.	RCN	S-2
X		61	1430	My Rt. 2063, Mac 275630, Van 2475	RCN	S-2
X		62	1440	Request information of enemy in Feriana area & on road thereto from Gafsa .	S-2	1st AD
X		63	1514	OP reports 2nd Bn fighting enemy east, can only see Arty fire at 3472 along wadi 4 or 5 veh. have moved in, towing possible 88, several veh. in olive grove. Intercept from Arty (68th FA) main enemy resistance coming from east of Dj. EL. KOUJIN, where 45 tanks, plus 10 MK 6. approx 20 tanks strung along the main axis - FAID * SBEITIA.	RCN	S-2
X		64	1515	45 hostile tanks plus 10 MK 6's reported by 68th to be east of Dj. El Koumin, 20 more tanks reported along FAID-SBEITIA road.	S-2	1st AD

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IN	CO	NO	TIME	MESSAGE		
X	65	1520		88mm firing at you in wadi at 3272	S-2	2-Bn 13th 27th P.A.
X	66	1527		88mm in wadi at 3272 is firing on 2nd Bn 13th A. E. now	S-2	1st AD.
X	67	1557		Gun reported at 3272 silenced by our RCN Co. assault guns	S-2	1st AD
X	68	1630		Our arty registering on Olive Grove, making many direct hits & enemy most unhappy.	S-2	1st A.D.
X	69	1645		Request information of situation in Feriana-KASSEKINE area	S-2	1st A.D.
X	70	1700		Sgt. Wolfe & 2 of your men are here. What do you want them to do? Ans: Keep them with CCB till I send for them. (E) Our new C.P. Rt. T-2071. Ans: Roger, Ken just arrived with Lt. Col. and 2 pages. 6 men sent out, but they are contacted, and are O.K.	S-2	RCN
X	71	1725		Rt. Sam 2663, moving out as directed Mac 275630 soon to move. Van 2475 ready to move on order.	RCN	S-2
X	72	1825		Henry G. is probably through town by now follow.	S-2	3rd RCN
X	73	1942		Our present position 7.4 miles from former position, Mac taken up his position 5.3 miles from our former position	RCN	S-2
X	74	1517		INTERCEPT - Our RCN net out of order, send all RCN information over Communication net.	CCA	All Units.

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INDEX	TIME	MESSAGE	RCN	S-2
X	1 0525	March order 0200 hrs. are Pls. to join me now, Baker is leaving 0520	RCN	S-2
X	2 0700	We have found only 20 gal.	RCN	S-2
X	3 0710	We need 500 gal minimum	RCN	S-2
X	4 0750	We have moved out.	RCN	S-2
X	5 0820	11 miles from town at 0815 hrs. Will guides be waiting for us	RCN	S-2
X	6 0930	Your destination is S.E. of Tebessa. Therefore proceed to Thala, turn left there & go to Tebessa where a guide will meet you.	S-2	RCN
X	7 1055	Do you have any enemy information to report.	DIV	S-2
X	8 1225	We are ditched on your trail at 5007 at 1215 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	9 1235	Col. Gardiner arrived this C.P. safe and sound S-5 - 1220	RCN	S-2
X	10 1415	Bivouac 4865	RCN	S-2
X	11 1525	Request immediately all available information of enemy location & activity in this sector.	S-2	1st AD
X	12 1645	Seize & hold 2 mtd arabs leading 2 space horses. Last seen near your bivouac.	S-2	2-13th
X	13 1540	Enemy Bivouac reported in area S-7930, 9090, 9040, 8040, 32 tanks reported heading west at 0900A Coordinate 5250. Glider reported landed S-6085.	Div	All Units
X	14 1900	5 enemy tanks moving N.W. from S-6939 at 1334A. Unidentified vehicles at S-5938 moving E. No movement seen north of S8147 at 1300. During morning 150 or 170mm shells landed near Dernaia Pass. German Patrols seen at 7253. Time unknown.	DIV	All Units.

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X	1	0003	Negative report from 1st plat. all quiet.	RCN	S-2
X	2	0305	Negative report from 2nd Plat. all quiet.	RCN	S-2
X	3	0630	Negative report from 3rd Plat. all quiet.	RCN	S-2
X	4	0922	Arabs will not be permitted to enter our Bivouac areas. Arabs passing toward the enemy will be turned back. Those coming from the enemy will be detained and brought to G-2 Corps.	S-2	All Units
X	5	1000	50 tks. and 500 Inf. reported at S-7240 at 0950 hrs. Also continued traffic from between Feriana & Gafsa. 10 to 15 enemy tanks approaching the pass from Kasserine.	DIV	All Units
X	6	1150	50 enemy tanks and 500 Inf reported at S-7240 at 0950 hrs. Heavy traffic reported between Feriana & Gafsa. 10 to 15 enemy tanks approaching the pass from Kasserine.	S-2	All Units
X	7	1207	As an emergency measure, we have obtained & distributed 75 copies of Algeria 200,000 sheets 18, 28, 39, & 50. Requisition in addition is shown on attached message for your information. We will try to distribute them on arrival, without bother to you.	S-2	Capt. Wolvin Co. A 16 Engr.
X	8	1210	For your information, attached overlay shows our knowledge of the enemy situation as of 1200 hrs. today.	S-2	1st AD
X	9	1430	2 enemy armd cars at S-5744 at 1400 hrs. 3 tanks at S-6242	DIV	All Unit
X	10	1430	Attached herewith overlay showing French & American dispositions as well as enemy information to date.	1st AD	S-2
X	11	1501	2 - 75's now attached to British Recce unit, per orders, C.G. 1st A.D. Location of these guns S-6143. 5 German PK & tanks reported moving west at S-6843.	601st TD Bn	S-2
X	12	1530	Request more information re action in KASSERINE PASS	S-2	1st AD
X	13	1605	Re check coordinates of MK 4's given in msg and advise. No new issue of maps available, replacement of maps drawn repeat limited, number 8 Algeria, sheets 18, 28, 39, 50 sent you.	S-2	601st TD Bn
X	14	1606	5 MK 4 reported at S-6843 moving west will you ask Matlocks to check & advise me.	S-2	1st AD
X	15	1620	Coordinates of MK IV tanks rechecked as correct.	601st	S-2
X	16	1655	Re your msg 1606, 3 MK IV tanks at S-6343 at 1300 hrs, and 2 armd cars at S-5743 at 1400 hrs. Kasserine situation was received from speedy.	DIV	S-2
X	17	1745	May I have reply to question re action at Kasserine Pass and 5 tanks south.	S-2	1st AD
X	18	1814	Re your 1655 msg. where are said tanks & cars now? What does Speedy say about Kasserine now? Please advise at once.	S-2	1st AD

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X	19 1845	A sizeable attack in progress supported by Arty & Inf. making strong effort on right flank enemy effort on left flank not so strong arty active situation well in hand 1300 hrs.	DIV	All Units
X	20 1857	Re your msg 1300 hrs. where is this attack taking place? Where are the flanks? What is the position now?	S-2	1st AD
X	21 1900	My Rcn reports all clear all day.	S-2	1st AD
X	22 2145	Estimated: Bn or more of Inf & 5 Btrys Arty vicinity of Kasserine. Enemy force heavy in anti-tank weapons. 2 enemy tanks hit, 30-40 tanks moving N.E. from Kasserine 1015.	DIV	All Units
X	23 2150	After your last nightly patrol comes in tomorrow. No other will be sent out until you check with S-3.	S-2	RCN
X	24 2155	Urgently request information re action Kasserine & North of Feriana. This is 3rd request.	S-2	1st AD
X	25 2245	No enemy movement seen west of line given in 1645 msg. up to 1700 hrs. Enemy Armv vehicles reported in 1430 msg. last seen at 1630 hrs. at S-6143. No enemy movement seen on road N. of Feriana up to 1700 hrs. est. 150 Inf. men occupied Dj. el Kelb. S-8252 at 1500 hrs.	DIV	All Units
X	26 2400	Negative report	RCN	3-2
X	27 2400	Negative report	601st	S-2

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PLAC: HAIDRA

DATE: 20 February 1943

IN (GT) NO. TIME		MESSAGE			
X	1	0020	At S-8251 enemy patrol, 12 men seen at 1940A. S-7859. enemy car going N.E. 2005 - 19 Feb.	DIV	All Unit
X	2	0800	Gen. Robinett - fight going on South. Attack has been attacked during the night by a small number of tanks est. 3 hrs. inf & supported by arty attack sometime during night resulted in some infiltration at flanks. One sqn of 26th Arm'd Brig - Anti tank 1 Bn 6th Inf. have ordered to support Stack, 16th CT is moving into assembly area vicinity Bou Chebka during the night 894th TD Bn ordered to reconnoitre east of DJ. Hamra. In the event of a penetration of the Kasserine Pass you will be prepared to move a portion of your Division to counterattack in the direction of Bekkain - DJ Hamra - Haidra or Thala - Kasserine. The situation at this time is not serious. This is furnished only for your information and planning.	CG CCB	
X	3	0250	Negative report all quiet	RCN	S-2
X	4	0310	2 unidentified vehicles at S-1155 moving W. 0200. Investigated but could not identify.	16 Engr	S-2
X	5	0730	Msg of 0310. 2 unidentified vehicles at 0200, investigated but could not identify. R.W. Blake.	Co. A 16 Engr	S-2
X	6	0805	Out posts have nothing to report 0715 hrs.	Div	All Unit
X	7	0815	Enemy remained in front of Kasserine Pass during night Italian radio heard tuning up somewhere south of Kasserine 0430. Enemy attacked Sbiba O-2308 at noon 19 Feb. but attack broke later.	C.O. 1st AD	All Units
X	8	1132	3 enemy arm'd cars moving W. S-7848 at 1115A.	DIV	All Unit
X	9	1000	Outpost all clear report. Vicinity Point 6#	81st	Div
X	10	1136	Outpost reports all clear, vicinity No. 6 at 1130	81st	DIV
X	11	1150	The arty firing in this vicinity is the 68th firing high bursts. For adjustment.	S-2	1st AD
X	12	1420	Sam, Ken, Van 5388	RCN	S-2
X	13	1500	Ken 5486, Van 6387, Sam 6287		
X	14	1545	Sam 7188, Van 7083, Ken 7188, Mac 4394 - 1530 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	15	1610	RCN Co. has started on new mission & will report arrival at H. and send one pl. to see that rd. from 7090 to 6561 and adjacent terrain is clear of enemy.	S-2	CG CCB
X	16	1630	Van reports enemy not yet through Kasserine Pass but enemy Inf near North west mouth with friendly arty still in hills above them. Van now at 7681.	S-2	CG CCB
X	17		Friendly troops stand 4 mi. ahead of Van who is at 7681 officers says no enemy have come through Pass, animals on both sides flowers in the pass.	RCN	S-2
X	18	1750	Rt. Van 7375, Mac with me, negative report.	RCN	S-2

3-2 JAHUHAU

PLAC : HAIDRA

DATE: 20 February 1943

IN	CO	TIME	MESSAGE		
X	19	1350	2 Bns Inf unknown number tanks attacked Kasserine Pass Inf. was stopped at S-9076 at 1300 A. British & American tanks counter attacked at 1300A. Enemy located in same area, result unknown 1315	1st AD	S-2
X	20	1805	Rt. Ken 8387, all clear at Ry fire left of pass 1805	RCN	S-2
X	21	1840	Contact must be made on enemy definitely located tonight, Keep reporting often. What is effect of rain on terrain and is river shown on map crossable.	S-2	RCN
X	22	1900	The terrain is impassable for vehicles will have to send out foot patrols.	RCN	S-2
X	23	1950	Van & Ken restricted by terrain suggest Van take pl. on road originally assigned to locate enemy advise terrain getting slippery. But still passable. Ken will check on river.	RCN	S-2
X	24	1928	Contact enemy in sector assigned by whatever means most feasible, send information re flowers etc again. What is rt. pls. and is all still clear.	S-2	RCN
X	25	1955	Van 7276 proceeding to original route to locate enemy. Reports flares approx 9283 also some burning vehicles. Sam flowers at 7276. Ken still moving to W. of wadi all clear	RCN	S-2
X	26	2003	Someone must get to area OIBH where contact is possible. Let Ken use road W. of river with flank patrols. Keep reporting.	S-2	RCN
X	27	2000	Ry Rt. 7288 I have pulled off the roadside to let a column of TED Dish or catfish pass.	RCN	S-2
X	28	2020	Have Ken send patrol down road from 7182 to pass. Be sure vehicles aren't mud bound.	S-2	RCN
X	29	2035	Ken will try to move to the left of Van. They must use this road as the terrain is getting to slippery Rt. Ken 7288, Rt. Van 7283.	RCN	S-2
X	30	2055	Have Ken and Van make all possible speed down rd. informa- tion now vital. They are not to be delayed by stragglers	S-2	RCN
X	31	2130	Have a patrol from reserve ascertain how far road from 7182 is clear of enemy to south.	S-2	RCN
X	32	2158	My Ren still searching for enemy positions. Reports very confusing. Have you anything for me.	S-2	II Corps
X	33	2202	Push van and Ken down rd. information imperative. What is Rt. of their flank patrols.	S-2	RCN
X	34	2208	Van & Ken report flowers claim pass clear of enemy. Vehicles but surrounding hills have German Inf both proceeding S.E. from 7580. Mac with one section moving on mission.	RCN	S-2
X	35	2232	Van & Mac must get on & stop picking flowers, push them down the rd. is there any firing. I'm not getting adequate information	S-2	RCN
X	36		Our own lilies going into area around 7583. Friendly troops ahead of last reported position.	S-2	RCN

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DATE. 20 February 1943

TIME	NO	TITLE	MESSAGE		
I	37	2350	Lions at 8580 so plats safe that far. Get them cracking	S-2	RCN
X	38	2350	Van and Ken moving from 8278, contacted S-4 ted ps. violets says 21st panzer group came north to 9183 late afternoon. Friendly planes just bombed other side of pass. 3 green flares vicinity 9281. 7583 is clear.	RCN	S-2
I	38	2358	Pansy ted now going to 8474. Is that clear. This information urgently required.	S-2	RCN
I	39	2400	Lac 7276 moving south with patrol out	RCN	S-2

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PLACE: HADRIN

DATE: 21 February 1943

IN	CO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGI-NATOR	DISPOSITION
X		1 0009	8474 is clear	RCN	S-2
X		2 0053	Have Van or Ken tell C.O. Fish Ted to remain in place and send L.O. this CP at once. What Jack moved where. Message re fish ted very urgent keep pl. moving on. Where are their flanks.	S-2	RCN
X		3 0130	White tracers and A.T. gun fire about 9182	RCN	S-2
X		4 0235	Lac 7167 reports no one there. no two runs short distance checking others 0200. All stuff now in they are fighting 1000 yds. east of Van at 8470	RCN	S-2
X		5 0245	First contact at 8478 at 0235 hrs. Germans advancing E.W. from pass with inf. arty. and possibly armor	S-2	II Corps
X		6 0253	Attack going toward Thela as well on apparently a 4000 yd. front. Has now progressed about 2000 yds.	S-2	II Corps
		7 0253	Enemy attacking and has now passed 8478 on a 1000 yd front using Inf. Arty and some armor.	S-2	All Units
X		8 0300	Our heavy stuff remaining firm. Attack slowing down NF attack at approx. 9281 where flames are seen. No further advance by enemy.	S-2	II Corps
X		9 0311	Attack now being held.	S-2	All Units
X		10 0314	Ren Co. ordered not to break contact if enemy withdrew.	S-2	Ren
X		11 0321	Our tanks answering artillery fire from pass enemy placing mortars in position. Their vehicles definitely H/T's not yet tanks. Attack still making no forward progress.	S-2	II Corps
X		12 0340	Situation quieting down enemy vehicles reported by my Ren Co. to be 6 Half Tracks mounting 20mm guns. They knocked out one 37mm SP gun & a peep & one was hit by a 37mm SP Ren Co. ordered to keep in contact throughout night.	S-2	II Corps
X		13 0425	All quiet again.	S-2	II Corps All units
X		14 0435	Berlinski does not need spitballs at present. Tank motors can be heard again but not identified. Friendly troops in in area standing by.	RCN	S-2
X		15 0507	Firing has started again. Both sides stationary.	S-2	II Corps All Units
X		16 0518	Our tanks are coming back, there seems to be enemy tanks all over the place. T.D. are pulling back also.	RCN	S-2
X		17 0520	Enemy tanks attacking along Kasserine - Tebessa rd.	S-2	All Units
X		18 0522	Enemy tanks attacking along Kasserine - Tebessa rd.	S-2	II Corps
X		19 0525	Berlinski just said there is 25 - 30 enemy attacked frontally but met too much fire & went around to flanks. Our line moving back steadily but firmly. Our flanks extend 200 yds on either side of road.	RCN	S-2
X		20 0543	Estimated 25 hostile tanks advanced 1000 yds. but all is now quiet again.	S-2	All Units II Corps

3-2 CORONA

LOC: HADRIA

DATE: 24 February 1943

	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGINATOR	DISPATCH
X	21 0550	New defense line is being set up at 7980, 25 - 30 tanks false, 8 tanks actually seen 5 or 6 H/T. 1 H/T has been definitely blown up and 5 hits scored on the tanks.	RCN	S-2
X	22 0558	Our first line now 7980, we destroyed one enemy half track and scored eight hits on hostile tanks.	S-2	II Corps
X	22 0610	Situation quiet at present.	RCN	S-2
X	24 0645	New location of defensive line 7581. Lt Cornea claims that small bore guns have been firing from enemy tanks are 40 or 57mm enemy firing did very little damage to our tanks.	RCN	S-2
X	25 0654	Experienced Lt. claims guns firing from enemy tanks this AM were 40 or 57mm & did little damage to our tanks. All quiet now.	S-2	II Corps
X	26 0703	All quiet	RCN	S-2
X	27 0710	Is RCN in contact, where is enemy?	S-2	RCN
X	28 0715	Enemy not west of north south line 8378	RCN	S-2
X	29 0730	Your company will take care of the vicinity of 8474	S-2	RCN
X	30 0734	No enemy west of northsouth line through 8378	S-2	II Corps
X	31 0820	We have spotted 86 vehicles due north & a little west from my position which is 7880, one group 24, one group 25, and one group 37.	RCN	S-2
X	32 0955	Ken reports Rinsock in position, all clear, all quiet	RCN	S-2
X	33 1000	2 tanks defilated 300 to 400 yds from previously reported tanks at 8473, about 100 yds. apart along top of ridge to our left. Considerable amount of gun fire heard to the NE	RCN	S-2
X	34 1050	Van reports he spotted 6 enemy vehicles coming from behind ridge at 8274	RCN	S-2
X	35 1040	Van positively identified 2 of 4 enemy tanks as American M3 Van also contacted asg't from 601st TD Bn outfit on North side of us.	RCN	S-2
X	36 1100	6 unidentified vehicles coming from behind ridge at 8274	S-2	2-13th 2- 6 Inf. 27th F.A.
X	37 1120	26 H/T & 1 PZ 6 moving N.W. 9585	26 Sig	S-2
X	38 1130	26 H/T's & PK 6 moving N.W. 9585 at 1120-hrs.	S-2	All units.
X	39 1140	Ringsock has a Patrol out investigating a smoke signal at	7077 RCN	S-2

TIME	REPORT	REMARKS	UNIT	STATUS
X 40	1140	15 or 16 men on the sky line near where these vehicles are and they are all wearing Arab clothing.	RCN	S-2
X 41	1152	Intense enemy activity at 8186 at 1150 hrs. Several vehicles at 8285	S-2	2-Bn 13th 2-Bn 6th 27th F.A.
X 42	1150	26 Hostile H/T's & one MK 6 at 9585 at 1120 hrs. Moving NW. Enemy activity at 8186 at 1150 hrs. Several vehicles at 8285	S-2	II Corps
X 43		The number of tanks that were sitting on the ridge in the valley has increased to six now. They are about in vicinity of 8476	RCN	S-2
X 44	1325	Both Van & Kennel have reported vehicles in area 8275. Probably a company of tanks, some armored cars, M/C & Inf. also 7 or 8 small cars are there. The enemy's main position is in the Pass itself & on the hills on either side. The army comes from there.	RCN	S-2
X 45	1415	No activity here except the tanks are still in the valley.	RCN	S-2
X 46	1345	Rt. CP - 695890, Rt. Ken - 7880, Rt. Mac - 695890, Rt. Van 7679. Van reports no arty at 8175, except for 6 tks in turret defiladed that point.	RCN	S-2
X 47	1323	What is weather condition Kasserine Pass, be on alert for small enemy patrols infiltrating through fog.	II Corps	S-2
X 48	1410	Valley quiet, no activity, PREVIOUSLY reported enemy tanks are still sitting on skyline.	RCN	S-2
X 49	1410	See if you can locate 88mm guns behind them.	S-2	RCN
X 50	1410	Fog has lifted here, ground very soft and slippery	S-2	II Corps
X 51	1435	A French soldier who escaped Germans states Kasserine has been so badly bombed it is not being used to quarter soldiers	RCN	S-2
X 52	1441	French native soldier escaped from Germans at Kasserine, reports town is not now being used to Garrison troops. Situation here quiet.	S-2	II Corps
X 53	1440	250 Inf of the 29th Bn are in position around 2nd Bn 13th	RCN	S-2
X 54	1507	1 = 75 SP and 7 trucks headed west at 7981. They do not not look like ours.	RCN	S-2
X 55	1512	5 enemy rifle armored cars, trucks and peeps moving west from 7981 at 1510 hrs.	S-2	2nd Bn 13th 2nd Bn 6th 27th F.A.
X 56	1530	2 enemy tanks, 10 trucks of Inf. with peeps & H/T's moving west from 7981 at 1510 hrs.	S-2	All units.
X 57	1535	Ren Co. 3rd Plat. scored one hit on vehicle which retired smoking. Enemy vehicles dispersed & moved east. Rt. 3rd Pl. with 2nd Bn. 13th A. R.	RCN	S-2

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DATE: 21 February 1943

TIME	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS	UNIT
X 58 1543	Enemy tank attack developing at direct front		2-13th S-2
X 59 1600	20 enemy tks, 10 trucks of Inf., with peeps & H/T's moving west from 7981 at 1510 hrs. fired on by U.S., scattered, but still in motion toward us at 1600 hrs.		S-2 II Corps.
X 60 1612	Attack is coming from east to west, majority are turning S.E. few seem to be coming N.W. 20 tks, 10 trucks, some M.G. fire.		Rcn S-2
X 61 1612	Enemy arty searching terrain, few fires started at enemy position, everything very long range. Our arty accurately shelling area of enemy concentration		RCN S-2
X 62 1630	Lot of Inf working down left hand side of due west in main wadi 8084 area flashes of 6/88's seen 8183.		RCN S-2
X 63 1640	Four to six 88's at 8183		S-2 27th FA
X 64 1645	Request more information		RCN
X 65 1650	Total of 20 tks & 50 trucks now visible, tanks stay out of Arty range. Inf. trying to infiltrate along wadi		RCN S-2
X 66 1630	A & B Bn's bombed by Stukas & ME 109's		27th FA S-2
X 67 1650	Tank attack developing here with about 40 tks moving from east on our positions-our arty very effective at this point		S-2 26th Brig
X 68 1700	Hostile Inf must be reported as seen, where possible restrict its movement by fire, hostile Inf. seen area 8084 in wadi		S-2 2-6 Inf. 2-13th AR 3-39th Inf
X 69 1723	Tank battle taking place 1500 yds N. & 1 mile east of 2nd Bn 13th score five to zero for us.		RCN S-2
X 70 1450	Lt. Sharp, ASC reports approx 60 tks at T-2795 at 1400 hrs. Air is checking movements.		II Corps S-2
X 71 1725	Request more information re tanks reported at T-2795 at 1400 hrs. Tank battle going on here at S-7684 now. Score at present 5 to 1 for us advise at once		S-2 II Corps
X 72 1733	Tank battle in progress at 7784. So far so good.		S-2 26 Brig
X 73 1740	No further Inf movements. Trend of tank battle to the S and East.		RCN S-2
X 74 1605	Enemy situation, column German Troops with Italians troops numbers unknown. In Thelapte & Feriana area quiet & situation unchanged.		II Corps S-2
X 75 1745	Our arty shelling right of pass 894th TD Bn. outfit followed tanks out & tanks moving steadily forward.		RCN S-2
X 76 1750	88mm spotted at 8183		RCN S-2
X 77 1751	88mm at 8183		S-2 All Units
X 78 1800	Our tanks seem to be steadily S.E. Can see no casualties yet. I have not observed any enemy casualties.		RCN S-2

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X 79	1800	You will order an assault gun to lay fire on the position in which the Inf. was last observed in the wadi,	S-2	RCN
X 80	1810	The General wishes as much Rcn on the wadi as possible. Lay assault fire first and go on & Rcn in the area where the hostile Inf. is supposed to be - i.e. 8084	RCN	S-2
X	81 1815	I can observe farther than 8084, but at times I can see less because of the mission at certain times.	RCN	S-2
X	82 1817	I can report one enemy casualty. I can see an enemy vehicle burning out on the plain with white tracers shooting out.	RCN	S-2
X 83	1845	Until relieved tell Van to keep his eye on the wadi and when Iac relieves him he will keep his eye on the wadi all night.	S-2	RCN
X 84		What is the situation on your front. Communications are extremely poor. Do you have any identification. Please send back by msp. who delivers this msp. as clear a picture of your front as possible.	S-2	II Corps
X 85		Dear Lewis:- Last night I sent no less than 20 msp. to you surely you must have received them. The situation here is that yesterday the Inf. was pushed off the high ground on either side of the Kasserine pass & retreated in some disorder. Armor did not enter the valley until later in the afternoon and then most of it went up the Thala road in the British sector. An armored battle followed which lasted until dusk. No great armor penetration in our sector was there made during the night the enemy felt us out twice or three times as reported at the time. He also occupied the high ground on either side of the pass where he now sits. This morning was quiet due to the weather, but our arty got in place. About 1600 hrs. borders opened the enemy's attack. They aimed primarily at our artillery but did not hit any gun, although they wounded 9 men and slightly damaged one veh. Then the hostile tanks came on, were engaged by our arty which destroyed 5. Then they came close enough one tank shelled on them and caused them to withdraw. Then our tanks followed theirs to the P.E. followed by our T.D's est. results of action: I est. that they employed 1 bn of tks in our sector and that at least 2 bns occupy the high ground to the S.W. of the Kasserine Pass. The British report 6 btrys of arty in the Kasserine area and this is probably correct. Dual purpose guns have surely been emplaced at the entrance of the pass. How how about some information from you? I have no idea what the British are doing on our left; neither you nor they tell me. I think that you should list about happenings elsewhere on the front:- What about the 8th Army? Let me know	S-2	II Corps
X 86	2000	The only casualties I know of as of today were 2 killed & 1 vehicle knocked out from the arty group I talked to you last night. I was over to see IG & made arrangements for ac-to-soc him as soon as he arrives to relieve me.	RCN	S-2

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X	87	1636	OP's report the following enemy activity incl. motorized Inf. & Armd cars & tks at S-8175 at 1325A. 6 enemy tanks turrets silhouetted at S-8175 at 1325A. 26 M/T's & 1 MK 6 tank mobing N.W. at S-9885 at 1120A. Intense enemy activity at S-8186 at 1150A. Several vehicles at S-8185 at 1225A.	II Corps S-2
X	88	1956	Tanks reptd at T-2795 reptd to be one or two tanks from CG II Corps to CG CC B 20 - 40 trucks on road standing still head of column at T-3797 at 1530 hrs.	II Corps S-2
X	89	2030	Arty will be farting from time to time tonight at 8375. Advise Mac	S-2 RCN
X	90	2100	Mac Lt. is 7483 contacted HG & Pansy to coordinate work all is quiet	RCN S-2
X	91	2104	Small enemy arty fire within 3 or 4 miles away below CG II Corps. Investigating will move radio to safer position.	II Corps S-2
X	92		Two suspicious looking Arabs were taken this PM by one of our units. These arabs were turned over to some TD people to hold. Please have arabs held for questioning in the morning as it is felt valuable information may be gotten.	S-2 27 F.A.

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PLACE: KASSERINE

DATE: 22 February 1943

U	CO	SO	TIME	MESSAGE	REF. PAY	
X		1	0015	Rt. of mac 7583, all quiet. Have contact with Inf.	RCN	S-2
X		2	0030	Have contacted enemy Inf. & machine guns in area between last night bivouac & yesterdays area.	2-Bn 13th	S-2
X		3	0303	All clear from Mac at 0300 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X		4	0612	All clear, have heard no movement of enemy vehicles during night 0611	RCN	S-2
X		5	0715	Enemy Inf. on high ground at 7377, Arm'd vehicles approach our positions from plains	2-Bn 13th	S-2
X		6	0725	Ringsock being attacked by hostile Inf. & armor area 7574 and 7377	S-2	RCN
X		7	0740	German Inf. filtered in around cactus patches & around houses at 7476 also 2 vehicles unidentified last reported 7580	RCN	S-2
X		8	0800	Move Mac toward 7577 alert another Pl, and start it into the same area.	S-2	RCN
X		9	0815	Want 1 Pl. to move from your CP due south on rd. near you & let them proceed due south to 7070. they will have to proceed cautiously & redonneitre both flanks, when they get to the point designated they will proceed on toward the trail, get Pl. ready to move out on the road.	S-2	RCN
X		10	0815	German Inf. attacking in area S-7575 at 0745 hrs.	S-2	II Corps
X		11	0830	Our tanks & arty are dropping shells in that area now.	RCN	S-2
X		12		A bunch of Italian Prisoners just came out & fire is falling on us now. The arty fire is enemy.	RCN	S-2
X		13	0912	Have taken a number of Italian Prisoners at 7577	S-2	II Corps
X		14	0915	As reported at 0737 hrs. the Inf. is at 7577. Some more Prisoners came out to surrender. The M.G. fire is in 7577.	RCN	S-2
X		15	0917	Enemy arty at 8080, enemy Inf. 7577	S-2	27th FA
X		16	0920	Some enemy troops are wearing U.S. uniforms we are holding our own.	2-Bn 6th Inf	S-2
X		17	0930	Enemy Inf. has been reported at S-8494, and at S-7292. Strength unknown. 155 Bty reported at S-8787	S-2	26-Brig
X		18	0955	Our Rt. 7280, arty fire landed in vicinity 7181 as we came by, there is heavy arty fire in vicinity 7473. Simpson reports that our trucks were M.G. at about 7276	RCN	S-2
X		19	1005	Enemy Inf. being engaged from 7280 to 7774 enemy Inf. on Dj Birend hostile tanks at 9497	S-2	II Corps
X		20	1020	20 enemy tanks moving from So. to No. on line 8080	RCN	S-2
X		21	1025	20 hostile tanks moving N. at 8080 at 1025 hrs.	S-2	All units
X		22	1025	20 enemy tanks approaching you from S to N 8080	S-2	C.O.2-13th

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X	23	1028	40 Bn 5th Bersaglieri identified two more Bns this area source P.M.'s	S-2	II Corps
X	24	1040	20 tks reported at 8080 engaged by our arty.	S-2	II Corps
X	25	1040	2 more Italian Prisoners just came in, will send on. Report from Ken, that they are moving cross country to get Ringsok There is Arty fire & it will be a little difficult to get there.	RCN	S-2
X	26	1055	Nt. of Ken 7177. Ridge ahead under arty fire. Ken has not been engaged but the situation doubtful. Mac is observing. From the vicinity of his outfit looks like the tank battle is coming along OK	RCN	S-2
X	27	1050	26th Inf. 24th 6 tank moving W. S-585	26th Brig	S-2
X	28	1025	200 German enemy Inf. 7477 and 200 Italian Infantry at 7478 26 tks. at 7678 probably enemy.	S-2	26th Brig
X	29	1059	20 hostile tanks now being engaged by our area 8080. Inf attacking from 7080 to 7575.	S-2	26th Brig
X	30	1100	Some of our tanks went up to meet the attack. Arty fire still falling around us.	RCN	S-2
X	31	1105	Henry G. has moved out to meet the enemy tanks. Can observe no casualties on either side yet. Military to locate Arty fire. It seems to be in vicinity of 7676.	RCN	S-2
X	32	1102	88's in vicinity 7676.	S-2	2nd Bn 13th
X	33	1117	Approximately 40 Italian EI, 1 Officer, 14 Bn. 5 Bersaglere taken documents including March orders being forwarded.	S-2	II Corps
X	34	1128	14 Bersaglere 600 strong transported in wooden H/T's to valley wadis & left, say Italian tanks on S. of pass with 47mm guns. Morale low.	S-2	II Corps
X	35	1135	Enemy tanks moved to wadi and stopped firing still goes on from both sides. Observed no casualties on either side yet have not spotted enemy gun position yet.	RCN	S-2
X	36	1140	By OP reports at least 50 vehicles moving W. & little SW at 8187. Vehicles moving toward H.G. unidentified.	RCN	S-2
X	37	1115	Shelling pass with 155 quite regular from vicinity S-5855 estimated at two or three ptrys, too long of range for 105.	39-Inf	S-2
X	38	1145	50 vehicles moving west from 8187 toward you. Hostile tanks in wadi at 7582 at 1145 hrs.	S-2	2-13th AR
X	39	1220	Situation:- Estimated 1 Bn tks and at least 1 Regt. Inf. supported by 47mm, 88mm, 105mm, and 155mm guns attacking at 0715 hrs. has made progress & continues. Situation not entirely clear but his final effort not yet launched all OK so far.	C.G. CC/E RDBINET	II Corps

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X	40	1220	150mm guns spotted at 8974	27th FA A-2
X	41	0830	Estimated 70 tanks, at M-8803 at 0700 hrs. being confirmed by air inform of your situation.	II Corps ROBINETT S-2
X	42	1215	Enemy tanks in wadi 7582. They are facing our tanks, our arty & tanks are firing on them.	RCN S-2
X	43	1220	Tank firing has ceased & our arty firing continuously on enemy tanks.	RCN S-2
X	44	1230	5 hostile tanks at 8179, 5 more at 8182, and 5 more at 8181. Arty informed.	S-2 2-Bn 13th
X	45	1345	Infantry detracking vicinity 745765 & 765755.	RCN S-2
X	46	1345	I talked to Maj. Elkins he said they still hold the high ground in the position you have on your oxley. The 33rd arty are still intact except for 1 Btry. Ringsok is having a little trouble on his flank from infiltrations. He also feels sure that as soon as Menard & Matthews outfit work in that direction he will have everything well in hand.	RCN S-2
X	47	1305	2 trucks in same area as reported & everything else is quiet & the tank and arty stopped firing	RCN S-2
X	48	1306	2 Truckloads of Inf unloading at 745765 & 765755, more will probably come.	S-2 All Units
X	49	1333	Ken reports he has received from Ringsok that some of the German Inf seems to be in American Uniforms, Ringsok then claims to have drawn fire from German P.G. from the men in American Uniforms.	RCN S-2
X	50	1335	Situation about the same, the tanks in the same location all firing has stopped, the terrain is still hard and passable.	RCN S-2
X	51	1345	8397 to 9205 does not appear no enemy along this line.	Franka S-2
X	52	1425	From Van all clear. Lv visibility zero so I tore my GP down.	RCN S-2
X	53	1405	Germans not in Thala, your information incorrect. ACK	S-2 Col. Dickson
X	54	1430	10 PK VI tanks reported in wadi at 755815.	2-13th S-2 II Corps
X	55	1445	We have 2 Italian prisoners here, we questioned them, have got the unit circumstances and a little on their coming in valley last nite. These are from 14th Bn. 5th Bersagliere, this Bn came into the valley, about 600 men transported in M/Ts & wooden trucks and left in the valley without transportation back.	RCN S-2

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Time		Remarks	DISPOSITION
X 56 1448	10 MK VI tanks reported in valley	S-2	1st AD II Corps 26th Brig.
X 57 0040	Ref. to Adams in Capionago activities, Adams moving into our lines will be rounded up and turned over to French with statements of circumstances of their entry, for examination detention or recommended execution, Arabs moving outbound throughout our lines will be shot unless they halt promptly for handling in accordance with procedure of inbound arabs	II Corps	S-2
X 58 1412	Believe Germans about to attack here & in British sector.	S-2	All units
X 59 1455	Situation same arty started firing again. Impossible to locate MK VI tanks and now coming out, our tanks exchanging shots, also is arty.	RCN	S-2
X 60 0845	Nicholson being opposed by 70 tanks vicinity 8803. possible pressure to bear in order to assist him elements 16 CT enemy touch movement vicinity D J Irahem acknowledge & report your situation.	II Corps	S-2
X 61 0830	Estimated 70 tanks at 1-8803 at 0700A. Being confirmed by by air. Inform us of your situation.	II Corps	S-2
X 62 1230	601st Rcn Co. Reports the loss of a jeep crew through capture by enemy tank force at S-8378 at 1130 hrs. The tanks are reported as being light tanks with a gun somewhat larger than 37mm & the tanks are light yellow in color.	2nd Bn	S-2
X 63 1330	Meet request clarification of location of tanks reported in south of pass for Phillipsborn from Dickson, your msg 1128.	II Corps	S-2
X 64 1527	Prisoner states Italian tanks south of Kasserine Pass. Exact location unknown. 10 MK VI tanks reported at 7682.	S-2	II Corps
X 65 1540	Situation same, all our tanks in position firing occasionally. Heavy arty from both sides.	RCN	S-2
X 66 1550	Long range for our arty however it is hitting in target area. Tanks still in position, firing occasionally.	RCN	S-2
X 67 1610	Our tanks have moved forward now firing 8475, great deal of firing 7475 & 8475. Our artillery have been firing in this area also 8277, a 88 mm reported between two knolls. H.G. moved forward have established a line 7634, running S.W. also our planes bombed 9074 to 9075, otherwise no activity.	RCN	S-2
X 68 1615	Guns possibly 88's at 8277. Artillery informed	S-2	2nd Bn 13th
X 69 1625	Friendly Inf. now near our positions. I am contacting them to get more information.	RCN	S-2
X 70 1628	Some Germans have our helmets colored white.	S-2	All units.
X 71 1643	Arty firing in vicinity of 8083 at vehicles, also hitting around them, but cannot say hit, visibility poor. Aircraft bombing that area also, unable to see results.	RCN	S-2

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	REMARKS
X 72 1700	Our planes did a good job of strafing enemy, could not see results at 9377, still much shelling but tanks are still in place.	RCN	S-2
X 73 1715	Prisoner states there are 200 Italians & 2 - 47mm guns in Arab houses in front of you.	S-2	2nd Bn. 13th AR
X 74 1733	Situation same, tanks in place, arty on both sides still firing. Our planes doing a lot of strafing. Did not see results of bombing yet.	RCN	S-2
X 75 1735	Our planes over bombing & strafing 2 big fires seen at 9026 to 9079. Arty firing on both sides.	RCN	S-2
X 76 1740	Planes & Artillery very effective slight enemy movement to rear.	S-2	II Corps
X 77 1743	Enemy Battery at 7972 at foot of Hill firing L.W.	S-2	All Unit
X 78 1845	Reports 3 tanks CMA - 9397, CMA 1143, Tank battle in progress S-9593 at S-7880, trucks & troops strafed, 1205, 2 tks probably & one truck destroyed at 1153. Enemy column 79497 to S-9389. 50 vehicles same area on east side of road one tank destroyed, one - 9405.	II Corps	S-2
X 79 1745	At 7878 enemy tanks withdrawing towards Kasserine	27th	
X 80 1745	Enemy tanks reported withdrawing towards Kasserine at 7878 at 1740 hours.	F.A. S-2	S-2 2nd Bn 13th AR
X 81 1800	Our artillery concentrating has set 25 vehicles on fire	S-2	II Corps
X 82 1805	Our tanks are advancing. The OP by my position has this to report. Our planes has strafed, at least 3 big fires at 9075. Our tanks are advancing very rapidly. Enemy huddling in area 8574.	RCN	S-2
X 83 1808	Enemy huddling in area 8574.	S-2	All Units
X 84 1812	Enemy rearward movement still noticeable. Can KASSERINE Pass be bombed and shelled all night.	S-2	II Corps
X 85 1816	Hostile Inf. reported withdrawing area 7778 at 1815 hrs.	S-2	All unit
X 86 1848	Am sending back over 100 prisoners to same point as this morning	2nd Bn 13th AR	S-2
X 87 1905	Mac reports that the area in vicinity 7580 has been practically cleaned except for Inf. and A.T. guns, Mac does not know as yet how far the enemy tanks have withdrawn.	RCN	S-2
X 88 1930	Mac reports MG pulled back now, he has taken several hundred prisoners. Mac is out in front now but cannot get in area 7580 because of enemy anti-tank guns in that area.	RCN	S-2
X 89 1948	Another tank has just come back, reports that they have recovered 33rd arty. BENSON arriving now, Ken is going to contact him, will report again shortly.	RCN	S-2
X 90 1930	Tail of column at 7383. We are being fired on from all directions. Ken at 7178.	RCN	S-2

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IN	COM	EC	FILE	MESSAGE	RCN	1	1	1	1	1	1	
X		1	0040	Van moving on way to his designation. Mac moved out at 1130 hrs. all clear so far.	RCN						S-2	
X		2	0000	I just saw one white flare go up at hill 917678	RCN						S-2	
X		3	0210	Have contacted H. No casualties of men or vehicles. There is still active A.T. guns S. of the main road along that wadi 7085. The A.T. is at least 1 - 75 and some smaller, also some enemy tanks at base of hill at 7077. Enemy has positively identified 1 M VI tank. There still is Pansys to the front.	RCN							S-2
X		4	0453	The Axis assigned to Mac for tonight's job is clear of enemy, the terrain is fair, hard in some places and soft in others, the river is crossable for vehicles at several points. Is there any other information you want about this	RCN							S-2
X		5	0620	Report hostile situation 0620	1st AD						S-2	
X		6	1010	Report on my R.F. well under control as trying to get their location now.	RCN						S-2	
X		7	1025	Nothing new to report, Pl. on L.F. regarding 8274, Simpson in better position to observe that point, arrangements are being made.	RCN							S-2
X		8	1045	Nothing new to report except we are out of touch with Simpson. When connection is investigated we can get information regarding 48274. Simpson now at 7378.	RCN							S-2
X		9	1107	Nothing new, Pl. on L.F. 8274, Simpson better position to doing as everything is still quiet. Simpson in vicinity 8075 but he is not so sure, but thinks he can see what you want but can't see anything there.	RCN							S-2
X		10	1155	Men will move out at once and cover L.F., his Axis of adv. will be on line R.R. not shown on map, he will move out in direction SE & reporting as he goes.	S-2							RCN
X		11	1130	Prisoners identified as of 4th Co. 1st Bn 208 Pz Gren.	S-2							1st AD II Corps
X		12	1135	Equipment captured by 2nd Bn, 13th AR on Feb. 22/43:- 8 - 47mm guns, 2 - 77mm guns, 3 - Staff cars, 1 Arm Car, 10 m/c, 3 side cars, 2 Tricycles, 3 trucks, 2 - 20mm AA guns	2-Bn 13th							S-2
X		13	1250	Van reports that on his right 1 Co. of ass't of command of our outfit, that a black smoke coming from mess, no shelling or bombing, they must be burning something. Men RT-7389.	RCN							S-2
X		14	1301	I would like to know your situation as extent of RCN & enemy information.	1-AD							S-2
X		15	1315	No enemy in valley NW of NS coordinate S-8, RCN moving SE down rd. S-8B.	S-2							1st AD

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IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGI- NATOR	DI VISION
X		16	1345	Rt. Ken 7690 going to contact 39th Inf. also Limy outfit I saw the other day.	RCN	S-2
X		17		Enemy has established defensive line 1 km W. of Kasserine Pass, believed enemy planning possible attack to N.W. of that position.	1st AD	S-2
X		18	1413	Div reports that enemy have established a defensive line 1 km. west of Kasserine pass & may attack to N.W. of that position	S-2	All units
X		19	1425	Van reports Italian tank knocked out at 790795.	RCN	S-2
X		20	1426	I knocked out Italian tank at 790795 with 4.2mm gun, another 7680.	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X		21	1355	Captured documents confirm presence of 190th Abt. & 3 Corps of the 14th Bn 5th Bersagliere.	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X		22	1506	Van will remain in this position at present. It is all clear here. He will wait till Zimmerman comes up. He has a fairly good CP. He can see almost to the ridge. Van is at 8277.	RCN	S-2
X		23	1505	Ken contacted I Co. of 39th Inf. at 7691 as well as a Co. of British Inf & A.T. guns the Inf. line runs east to 90, the guns are aiming the pass before the 39th. No movement seen in the valley from CP on N. Boreus 68th will support Ken.	RCN	S-2
X		24	1513	No enemy along Kasserine-Lebessa rd. as far SE as 8277. Code by Ken is in contact with British on left at 7691 & extends to high ground on SE.	S-2	1st AD
X		25	1535	From where I am I can see destroyed & abandoned equipment, 2 Italian tanks, 1 small arm'd car, 2 small trucks, 1 cycle, 1 - 37mm gun mount, 1 pile 75mm amm. also a spotting scope. Van searching to right - E. of pass nothing seen. 4 9377 spittires scoped low but didn't observe any firing from planes. The smoke that was coming from vicinity of pass is still smoking.	RCN	S-2
X		26	1610	Column hostile vehicle at 8275 at 1609	S-2	All units
X		27	1612	Enemy vehicles located at 9478 8275 at 1610 hrs. Hostile planes over head.	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X		28	1615	In about vicinity 8275 saw one tank 3 - four wheeled cars, another tank at 9478. One tank still in view the arty group lion tankers are dropping them in.	RCN	S-2
X		29	1625	Two of our bombers just bombed 9383	RCN	S-2
X		30	1625	Our bombs fell about 9383. No reaction seen	S-2	II Corps 1st AD
X		31	1638	One tank, 3 H/T's that were headed this way, turned around and headed back toward pass when our bombers went to work. Someone coming to recover the equipment.	RCN	S-2
X		32	1640	Vehicle previously reported, turning back toward pass now	S-2	All Unit

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IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGI- NATOR	TO: (OFFICE)
X		33	1642	Somebody came by look a cycle out position 9073. 16 more bombers came over and bombed Kasserine Pass at about 9574. 12 flying forts just bombed the pass & covered about one mile area.	RCM	S-2
X		34	1642	Ken Rt. bombed accurately, vehicles previously reported turning back to pass. Strong flak in Kasserine & on Steilla road.	S-2	II Corps 1st AD
X		35	1644	Dual purpose A.A. guns in Kasserine itself.	S-2	All units
X		36	1647	The enemy has ack ack in Kasserine or NE of Sabatla Rd.	RCM	S-2
X		37	1650	Arty shells from direction of pass coming this way. It landed about 1500 yds. over us. Van reports all clear by to the pass itself.	RCM	S-2
X		38	1700	Van reports power of scope. There are 5 air observers at about 9574. We can make out 2 or more tanks already. The Arty is landed at about 8477.	RCM	S-2
X		39	1650	Estimated 50 enemy tanks at P-8802 at 1520A, believed to be part of 7th Pz Regt. 2 Bn's of Inf. known, SP guns same Area 1645.	1st AD	S-2 S-3
X		40	1730	Air observation does not confirm presence of tanks reported at P-8802 at 1645A.	S-2 DIV	All Units
X		41	1740	There's a lot of 81mm mortars shells. American rifles etc here, but we are moving out now.	RCM	S-2
X		42	1750	We moved almost 2 miles toward pass approached 2 more tanks similar to the other ones. I moved about 500 yds. ahead will let you know as soon as I get to it what its like. 4 siracobes just passed over us. Ken Rt. 7888.	RCM	S-2
X		43	1800	We came across 8 Italian abandoned trucks. We have come over 3 miles. Van at 8776.	RCM	S-2
X		44	1805	Cur present Rt. 8187. We see a radio ant. & an observer on the hill at 8287.	RCM	S-2
X		45	1807	Air Recon reports valley clear of enemy but vehicles streaming S. to Feriane from Kasserine.	S-2	All units
X		46	1845	By Ken at 8485, all clear	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X		47	1930	The abandoned equipment left today looks in very good condition especially the tanks. Can you make arrangements to get this equipment in tonight.	RCM	S-2
X		48		long strong column of enemy vehicles extending from DU Chambi down to Thelepte all vehicles have bright lights. Big fire burning in Thelepte.	Air- RCM	S-2

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NO.	DATE	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGI- NATOR	DI VISION
X	49	1920	Interrogation of P.W. reveals following Units in contact: German 4th Co. - 1st Bn. 288 Pz Gren. Italian - Entire 140th Bn of Bersaglieri	S-2 P. W.	S-2
X	50	2020	Ken present Rt. 8287, Van Rt. 7888. The farthest point Ken reached was 8783. The farthest point Van reached 8676	RCN	S-2
X	51	2040	The Fariana - Kasserine rd. is being bombed right now by our planes. The Kasserine fire is still burning. Observed white flare coming up from middle of pass	RCN	S-2 1st AD
X	52	2305	Report estimate of losses inflicted on enemy on 22nd Feb.	DIV	S-2
X	53	2040	The Fariana - Kasserine rd. is being bombed right now.	RCN	S-2
X	54	2115	At 1530 hrs. the convoy of 20 veh. moving SW at 15 MPH passed coordinates S-8245. 30 men probably Inf. in Wadi at S-8344 at 1600 hrs. Convoy of 50 to 60 vehs. moving at S-8344 at 1600 hrs. Convoy of 50 to 60 vehs. moving	DIV	S-2
X	55	2117	Some indications the movement from the Kasserine to Thelepte turned south at that point.	DIV	S-2

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IN CL	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGI- NATOR	DISPATCH
X	1	0040	Lac Rt. 8079. He can observe 4 white & 1 red flare coming coming from pass. All else quiet.	Ren	S-2
X	2	0135	Our Patrol has reached the 8 line everything quiet at 0130	601	S-2
X	3	0300	All Quiet	Ren	S-2
X	4	0500	Lac has reached big red eight 0500	RCN	S-2
X	5	0600	All clear	Ren	S-2
X	6	0730	Visibility poor. We are almost down to where Van was yesterday, have found nothing so far, am pushing forward.	Ren	S-2
X	7	0805	There is Arty landing in the pass, my Rt will follow in a few minutes.	Ren	S-2
X	8	0733	Are you in contact? What is situation?	Div	S-2
X	9	0830	Lac Rt. - 8577, Arty fire coming from pass landing 800 yds to Lac's left front, 1 mile to rd. our arty shelling pass.	RCN	S-2
X	10	0810	Situation quiet, enemy activity limited to arty fire from pass	S-2	1st AD
X	11	0842	Valley looks all clear. It is a little hazy. We are moving up to try & get a better view, valley is clear within a mile of pass.	RCN	S-2
X	12	0840	Situation quiet, enemy activity limited to arty fire from Pass.	S-2	1st AD
X	13	0847	My position at S-8487	601st	S-2
X	14	0900	Valley clear to within one mile of Kasserine Pass S-9574	S-2	1st AD II Corps I-C, 26th
X	15	0830	Air reports building at Thelepte burning, very little movement south Feriana to S-7817 south of that point to Gafsa, 15 trucks off road, nothing west of Thelepte all at 0730	Div	S-2
X	16	0925	Lac Rt. 8577, Sam Rt. 695890	RCN	S-2
X	17	0912	Main enemy bivouac reported 6 Km NE Kasserine	1st AD	S-2
X	18	0930	Arty fire is coming from inside pass or from the far side of pass	RCN	S-2
X	19	0935	Roger at 8388, Gioio at 8386 - 0925	601st	S-2
X	20	0925	Second request - Report estimated losses suffered by enemy in vehicles & personnel for 22 Feb. Ack.	1st AD	S-2
X	21	0926	Second request for enemy situation and location your forward elements.	1st AD	S-2
X	22	0953	S-4 furnishes captured material reports. No change in my estimate since yesterday. Reported valley clear to within 1 mile of pass at 0900	S-2	1st AD
X	23	0950	Report of U.S. Soldier from behind lines, at S-955720, an enemy HQ, is in a small grove of trees near wrecked plane. Repair shops in Wadi in Area 9773. Arty at 9474 as of 22 Feb.		S-2

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X		24	1000	Roger at 8589, 3 unidentified vehicles east of that position moving west 0955	601st	S-2
X		25	0950	Air Rcn over Sbeitla reports large concentration trucks along W. slope of Lyrailla from T-3088 to T-3595	DIV	S-2
X		26	1000	Report of US Soldier from behind lines is as follows: Enemy Hq's at S-955720 in a small grove of trees near wrecked plane. Repair shop in Wadi at area 9773. Arty at 9474 as of 22 Feb.	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X		27	1008	Lac Rv. 8575 arty dropping right in front of us.	RCH	S-2
X		28	1015	Giola at 8983. No enemy sign 1000	601st	S-2
X		29	1040	Roger at 8785 at 1025. We intercepted a msg about 928. We would like to know whats there Ken reports one shell dropped behind vehicles.	601st	S-2
X		30	1045	The arty is coming from about 9473	Rcn	S-2
X		31	1100	Our of now 8573, enemy arty hitting about 800 yds to our right.	RCH	S-2
X		32	1100	Present limit of Rcn S-8870 to S-8575 to S-8590. Till noon some east of US coordinates S-92. Special attention to pass and to S-9473.	S-2	1st AD
X		33	1107	Our arty landing at 9474	RCH	S-2
X		34	1045	Large truck park north of Sbeitla. Heavy smoke from direction of Thelepte. No activity on roads around Sbeitla or Kasserine. Nothing on Dj Kretchem at O-2300. Two arab huts without side cooking fires and men eating, some dressed like arabs, others as soldiers.	Air Support	S-2
X		35	1130	Enemy arty still firing about 800 yds in front of me. Our own arty landed at about 9575.	RCH	S-2
X		36	1140	Our Rcn at S-8573 being shelled from Kasserine Pass. Our other men elements at S-8982, at S-9189, and S-8971. All clear in those areas.	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X		37	1145	Lac observes unit moving to south, fired on by MG's at S-9700 and 9272 at base of mts.	RCH	S-2
X		38	1155	Arty firing on lac estimated at 105mm	RCH	S-2
X		39	1155	Arabs report road from S-9392 to Kasserine extensively mined and set with Booby traps our air reports at 0900. No activity Kasserine to Sbeitla tanks and 4 trucks parked in trees T-0665 RB bridge at T-0058 destroyed 4 trucks in ravine at T-2287, 2 trucks, personnel & MG's at O-2300	DIV	S-2
X		40	1200	Sentries will be instructed not to engage in conversation with Arabs, nor to permit them within 10 ft. of their posts	S-2	All unit
X		41	1215	MG at 9767 on ridge, fire of enemy arty falling at 8673	RCH	S-2

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IN	OUT	LOC	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGI- NATOR	DIS- TINCTION
X	42	1245		Empty shell case found proves that enemy had 210mm Hows. in valley	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X	43	1245		Report present location of your Rcn. & report hourly thenceforth.	S-2	894 TD
X	44	1245		To 1400 hours, Bomb line is N.S. coordinates is 94.	S-2	Air Support
X	45	1250		Until 1400 hours. Do not go further east than N.S. coordinate 94	S-2	601, 894, Rcn Co.
X	46	1250		Bombing took place at Sbeitla with bursts in SW part of town 1130	EB	S-2
X	47	1305		Line of Rcn now S-993-0-86, S999-P43, still going no contact.	81st	S-2
X	48	1250		In S. area negative report 1000a. With exception of pass reported held by 40 Inf. no movement seen S. & SW.	DIV	S-2
X	49	1320		Our arty has been firing and has now stopped except for IG firing reported all quiet enemy arty coming in EW line.	RCN	S-2
X	50	1340		Present position of Rcn S-8985, S-8982 and S-8573 at 1300 hours all quiet.	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X	51	1300		Rcn 601st TD Roger S-8985, contacted another friendly unit moving from north and having him move up to 9289. Gioia - Rt S-8982 is moving to 9280	601st	S-2
X	52	1320		South to Rcn, my present Rt. 8584	601st	S-2
X	53	1350		Paulicks Mt. 8883. Nothing to report.	601st	S-2
X	54	1330		Rcn reports no contact with enemy destroyers, received Arty fire, enemy light IG firing in the pass	894 TD	S-2
X	55	1335		Rogers contacted British recce units at S-5215 at 1230 hrs. msg is late because too many sets are on my frequency and I can't keep contact with Rogers 1250	601st	S-2
X	56	1356		Rcn elements from us have reached S-9389, S-9285, what is your situation 1348. Apparently no contact with enemy.	26th Brig	S-2
X	57	1406		Rcn still advancing, no contact 1405	81st	S-2
X	58	1415		Enemy arty in pass firing at S-8673, no other activity, our Rcn now at S-9084 at S-8985, and at S-8573.	S-2	26th Brig
X	59	1430		4 - LB's came over Mac toward east. Mac reports situation unchanged.	RCN	S-2
X	60	1430		Air reports no trucks observed at T-3087 and T-3095, AA fire at T-2795 and T-2587, 4 tanks & numerous trucks immediately S & SW Feriana intence AA fire at Feriana all observed around 1200A 1410	DIV	S-2
X	61	1445		Mac reports situation same	RCN	S-2

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DATE: 24 February 1943

AMOUNT	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGINATOR	DISPOSITION
X	62 1435	Forward Rcn has reached IS 89. No enemy activity	894th	S-2
X	63 1445	Our Rcn at S-9084 and at S-8985 and S-8573	S-2	1st AD
X	64 1510	Speedy request information as to progress of Rcn elements also as to when mission will be accomplished	1st AD	S-2
X	65 1520	Include estimate of enemy losses in Periodic report submit daily	1st AD	S-2
X	66 1525	Rcn still at S-9084, S-8985 and S-8573, Corps notified. General Ward says mission will be accomplished tomorrow AM Re msg 1510	S-2	1st AD
X	67 1525	Rcn at S-9084, S-8985 and S-8573, only enemy activity is shelling from pass as previously reported	S-2	II Corps
X	68 1530	Lac Rt unchanged, enemy still shelling our arty landing at 9273	RCN	S-2
X	69 1545	Enemy fired 50-60 shells burst of 8 landing on some of our tanks, no casualties by Babrage landing at S-8677, Lac RT S-8776.	RCN	S*2
X	70 1615	The attached list of all our units was taken from an Arab headed toward the enemy near Haidra	S-2	II Corps
X	71 1620	Enemy has seized firing, also our arty has seized.	RCN	S-2
X	72 1600	CP now at S-9898, No enemy activity observed between CP and northwest.	81st	S-2
X	73 1640	Wagers at 9283 from his position he can see British Rcn working in that area and to the north.	601st	S-2
Z	74 1600	Continuous truck activity vicinity Thelepto-Perdians at 1340A Enemy that area maybe untrucking.	Div	S-2 all units
X	75 1645	Enemy arty landing at 8778. Our own arty at 9475	RCN	S-2
X	76 1645	Move toward coordinate S-915795. Let me know when you get there.	S-2	601st
X	77 1647	Situation unchanged enemy estimated 2 Btrys of 105's still shelling area S-0778. Rcn elements at S-9283, 8982, 8573 and 88 8971.	S-2	1st AD II Corps I O. 26th
X	78 1700	Enemy shelling road at approx 9277. 2 vehicles which look to be two small British Rcn Cars	RCN	S-2
X	79 1715	Shelling still continuing at 9277, but the best location of that Btry I can give is 9575	601st	S-2
X	80 1710	Locating guns by sound I can observe from here it reads 120 ^P	RCN	S-2
X	81 1730	There are 2 British vehicles knocked out at 9277, by mines	601st	S-2
X	82 1815	There is one gun from veh. & pers. at 892754 there is a 75 or 105mm gun at 893715, Philipsborn wants Frankel to put Arty fire on these points.	RCN	S-2
X	83 1820	There is MG fire again. Cannot locate it. Philipsborn reports they are apparently Italians & acared.	RCN	S-2

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PLACE: KASSERINE

DATE: 24 February 1943

TIME	TO	TIME	MESSAGE	RCN	S-2
X	84	1820	Roger position 9283, has contacted at 1700 hrs. adv. elements of limys vehicles at that point the adv. elements have been operating cross country. They have reported no enemy in points they've operated in.	601st	S-2
x	85	1835	All firing has now seized	Rcn	S-2.
x	86	1830	Report on tanks your msg 1750 hrs. have been verified. There are four enemy tanks.	2-6 Inf	S-2
X	87	1900	Where did the tanks go? Please give details and coordinates as soon as possible	S-2	2-6 Inf.
x	88	1910	Our arty was firing thirty minutes ago but now all is quiet	RCN	S-2
	89	1940	4 enemy tanks reported in Madi at 893755. Artillery notified	S-2	2-13th 601st RCN Co.
X	90	2000	Mac has checked around area where tanks were reported to be. did not see any vehicles in that area fire has been laid in that area	RCN	S-2
X	91	1948	A short while ago about 50 enemy shells were fired & fell much shorter than this afternoon, the blast came from over in back of the Pass, all firing has seized now and all is quiet.	RCN	S-2
X	92	2030	Mac reports there are explosions & flashes back over pass, there is no enemy arty fire & he does not know the cause of explosions or flashes	RCN	S-2
X	93		12 light bombers will be ready if urgently needed on specific targets tomorrow. As early as weather permits a rcn mission will be flown in Kasserine, Sbeitla area and will cover pass as long as possible. An identical Rcn mission will be flown one hour 15 min. later	BB	S-2

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PLACE: KASSERINE

DATE: 25 February 1943

IN	OUT	EC	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGI-NATOR	DISP-OITION
X		1	0655	Inf. & guns at S-9673, Bty at 9672, Inf. at 9574, 9474. Vehicle 955712	S-2	All Units
X		2	0745	Rep, 1st Pl. with Sam 8577, 2nd Pl. 8175, all clear, 3rd Pl. 8272.	Ren	S-2
X		3	0800	Ren CP 8577, 1st Pl. 8577, 2nd Pl. 8175, 3rd Pl. 8275.	Ren	S-2
X		4	0835	No enemy fire has been observed or seen yet. Visibility getting better. Our Arty registering on 8870	Ren	S-2
X		5	0840	M.G. fire sounds like ours in vicinity 8570 at Base of Lts could not be seen or heard.	Ren	S-2
X		6	0847	Our Inf. at S-9070 with no contact as yet. Our TD at S-8970, no contacts	S-2	II Corps
X		7	0848	No enemy at S-9070 and at S-8970	S-2	1st AD
X		8	0915	visibility improving, no activity, all quiet	Ren	S-2
X		9	0915	I am in a position where I now need engineers etc in front of me at 9273 (Simmerman)	2nd Bn 13th AR	S-2
X		10	0930	Tanks are in position where IG wants them to be waiting for others to proceed him	Ren	S-2
X		11	0930	I thin there is a bunch of tanks in vicinity 8573, moving SE. I believe it is just Johnson	Ren	S-2
X		12	0955	Bunch of friendly tanks strung out in line from 9070 to 9372	Ren	S-2
X		13	1007	No enemy guns at 8372 or at 9071	S-2	All unit
X		14	1010	No enemy guns at 8372 or at 9071 as previously reported	S-2	1st AD
X		15	1001	Following units were definitely in valley, 33rd Rgt. Carrista HBN Carri 3rd Co., 31st Regt Carrista, XVI Btry Campre, III Comp. Ditto 14th Btry, 31st Regt., 17th Battal Carri M II Comp. Div He Centaur 1 car Hq's Co. XVII Carri Car. 5th Regt. 14th Batta Palotone, 31st Regt. Carristi, 14th 16th 17th, Bn Btry 88mm, 170mm gun, 1 Btry 47's, 1 Btry 75's	S-2	1st AD
X		16	1011	Lines suspected at 9273	S-2	894th TD
X		17	1017	Have spotted tks moving on ridge, light tks. 9473 rear of that S & W 1500 yds 12 tks 9274, 5 - 9473 Inf. with them. 12 - 9274 advance no fire	Ren	S-2
X		18	1022	No enemy at 9473 or 9274. All quiet except on left pass where there is some firing	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X		19	1028	Enemy Artillery at T-0070	S-2	All unit
X		20	1030	Enemy Arty at T-0070 as of 0915 hrs. B4Kelb at S-8555 clear	27th	S-2
X		21	1031	D4 Kelb 8555 all clear at 1030 hrs.	S-2	all unit
X		22	1033	2 AA tanks in foremost position now	Ren	S-2

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PLACE: KASSERINE

DATE: 25 February 1943

IN	OUT	REC TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGI-NATOR	DISP-OSITION
X		23 1033	Inf moving in position 9070 a while ago	Ren	S-2
X		24 1030	Our tanks at 9273. Enemy vehicles at 9571. Enemy Inf. at 9673 and 9474. Enemy gun 9672 INTERCEPT	26th Brig	S-2
X		25 1040	Hostile Inf. at 9673 & 9474. Enemy guns at 9672	S-2	All Units
X		26 1047	Pass at O-1805, all clear	S-2	All units
X		27 1111	Mines at 9273.	S-2	All units
X		31 1111	Air Ren shows no enemy activity in Kasserine Pass	S-2	All units
X		32 1245	Warn all units shell landing in vicinity 9378 & 9787	S-2	1st AD
X		33 1300	Two arty shells landed 9072. Another 500 yds. west, possibly 75mm.	Ren	S-2
X		34 1307	Shells probably 75 Hows. landing approx 9072.	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X		35 1310	Get most enemy mortar in vicinity of Kasserine	Ren	S-2
X		36 1130	Six directs bombing on 3111	2nd Bn 16th	S-2
X		37 1223	Give me a report on situation at this time.	Harmon	S-2
X		38 1329	Hostile Arty shells falling at 9072, 9378, 9787. Foremost elements 9472. 16th CP has secured its 3 objectives.	S-2	Harmon
X		39 1340	Rt. 3rd Pl. - 8278, 2nd Pl. - 8175, 1st Pl. - 8577, CP - 8577	Ren	S-2
X		40 1350	Arabs report heavy traffic between Kasserine & Thelepte going both ways this am.	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X		41 1245	Our patrols reported enemy Inf. & Arty & Armd. cars st S-7040 at 1730 hrs. 24 Feb. 4 Armd cars & 1 American Peep W. of Dj. Goubeul. Arab fires & Arab horseman informing enemy of allied positions. Light enemy patrols actively engaged in counter atcn. in same area.	Div	All units
X		42 1405	The Kasserine Pass will be cleared at 1400 hours, of mines	Ren	S-2
X		43 1355	Situation reports, enemy cleared from peaks on either side of pass. Our two columns have achieved their objectives. Enemy Arty bursts at 9072, 9378, 9787. No other manifestations of enemy seen. Fire probably from 105's & 75's a Btry of each at the most mines at 9273 - 1100 hrs.	S-2	1st AD
X		44 1530	INTERCEPT - 78 Unidentified vehicles headed west at T-1684	81st	Div
X		45 1535	78 unidentified vehicles at T-1684 at 1300 hrs.	S-2	All Units
X		46 1600	CRDPES- Give location of lifted minefields, and stand by for a change of mission:-- Get to Kasserine as quickly as possible and take from Hospital all U.S. wounded. Make an inventory of all supplies there. Let us know when you get to hospital & what you find. Let me know of your progress	S-2	Ren
X		47 1618	Friendly arab states Kasserine Sbeitla rd. & Olive & cactus groves adjacent thereto heavily mined. Some AA guns along side rd. states enemy retiring to Fondouk states no enemy in Sbeitla.	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X		48 1621	Friendly Arab states road & adjacent groves from Kasserine to Sbeitla heavily mined with AA guns emplaced along road.	S-2	All Units

3-1. ROUTING

OFFICER: KASSERINE

DATE: 25 February 1943

NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGI-NATOR	DISPOSITION
X	49 1635	Air obs. at 1400 hrs. reports no traffic on Feriana, Sefsa road or Sidi Bou Sid, Sbeitla, Faid large fires observed S W. Sbeitla 1632.	G2, Div	All Stations
X	50 1720	Plane 14130 called "Big Dick" containing one dead Officer & 2 dead CW at N. Mouth to Kasserine Pass. My Ren Co. at 9867. Another Plane at 9373.	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X	51 1807	Our Rt 995650. It is getting dark. Can you go into a defensive position?	RCM	S-2
X	52 1808	Get to hospital at once. It is I believe at 001645 and I will give you an answer to the rest of your question.	S-2	RCM
X	53 1750	Theapte reported burned. N.W. bridge between Theapte and Feriana blown. Also one span of H.R. bridge.	Div Ren net	S-2
X	54 1820	We are held up by about 15 or 20 mines at about 500 yds. further from last post is Ferarl. We are sending dismounted patrols to hospital to get the information you want.	RCM	S-2
X	55 1825	Send a patrol to hospital and see what you are supposed to and then set up a defensive position around hospital for night. Then try to get a patrol to Kasserine if you can get there wait until engineers get there to help you remove mines	S-2	RCM
X	56 1825	Engineers reports indicate pass carefully mined up to bridge which was blown and very carefully mined from there on. All approaches to Kasserine mined.	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X	57	Engineers working early this morning to clear mine fields, am going towards objective no. 2 this no. 2 objective is for 2R & Co. tank. 3d is to reconnoitre junction for defense position, when accomplished. They will do the same. Lt is with me at 995660 and we have gotten information from them. Rommel personally was there to have coffee.	Ren	S-2
X	58 2020	No. 1 Patrol has returned number one objective reached hospital abandoned there is very little equipment left, building has been ransacked and pretty well disturbed, there is no sign of anybody occupying the hospital or ground nobody there and no activity. My officers have not yet returned from that mission when they do I will have more to report. Patrol has only returned.	Ren	S-2
X	59 2115	Officers have returned & confirm report of hospital, has been turned upside down, they have left no equipment whatever. Civilians confirm report that road to KASSERINE heavily mined and booby traps all around the place, that's all I have to report on mission number 1.	Ren	S-2

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IN OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
X	1 0300	All clear	Rcn	S-2
X	2 0600	All clear		
X	3 0740	With them 3 days ago, large tank were reported headed this way, they before yesterday but never came. A copper of REF fish moved in behind me they are there this morning	Rcn	S-2
X	4 0810	81st Rcn will go south at RJ near Kasserine 6 AD British will go north, you will go to pass at 1565 to secure our flank. Report arrival. Report activity of 6 AD	S-2	Rcn
X	5 0820	Rcn at S-995660, mines slowing progress bridge at S-995 645 has been blown by the enemy. French farmers report named personally was at Kasserine 23 FEBRUARY. Letter found addressed to Soldier in Italian 11th Co., 17th Bn.	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X	6 0900	The outfit has the town in hand, there is not much left of the town. No enemy, just lousy with mines, beyond the town. In regards to that the Engrs. must have the entire pl. to continue the work before a precision at the junction here, must first clear mines.	Rcn	S-2
X	7 0920	By Rcn thru Kasserine mines everywhere	S-2	1st AD II Corps
X	8 0921	INTERCEPT - Cannot get thru pass due to bridges blown & roads mined Engrs. will be needed for penetration of pass. We are reconnoitering to find a way thru on east side of pass 0910	81st	1st AD
X	9 0945	Rcn direction base Thala, Bou Sid, Hadjeb El Aïoun, Foudouk back by way of Sbeitla, no road traffic intense light flak at Sbeitla at S-3574 from Olive Orchard. rd. block 5 miles E. of Feriana.	FB	Big Fence 12 A/C S-2
X	10 0929	Is your side road clear for 81st Rcn Bn.	1-AD	S-2
X	11 0935	Single truck clear of mines to Kasserine all roads therefrom unmined.	S-2	1-AD
X	12 0925	INTERCEPT - Our Rcn at S-9966 mines slowing progress. Bridge at S-9965 is blown by enemy. Pass in our hands as of yesterday.	Div	6-Inf Bn
X	13 0955	No movement observed by air Feriana, Gafsa, Sidi Bou Zid, intense light A.A. fire Sbeitla road block A and B Feriana all observed 0737. Italian Co. reported at X-3173 25 Feb. Area T-2595 & O-4602 reported clear of enemy 25 Feb. road mined & culvert blown that area	Div	All units S-2
X	14 1033	We have found nothing in the town itself, the work is going ahead as fast as possible, we are working to the East of town.	Rcn	S-2
X	15 1150	A. Sam of pants have arrived and are working east of Junc UJ is working on towards mission he has a few pants with him in general everything is going slow good.	Rcn	S-2

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 26 February 1943

	IN	OUT	NO.	TITLE	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
X	16	1225		Everything going OK, where are the people that are suppose to work to the left of town they have not shown up yet & it is necessary that we know as soon as possible for our own protection, the engrs. are cleaning a path around the left of the bridge that is blown, the first elements of A Pansy are passing my position	RCN	S-2	
X	17	1400		Rt. of LR 1064 making steady progress.	RCN	S-2	
X	18	1430		All possible bivouac's area on both side of roads are thoughtly mined & booby traps also on sides of road are mined & booby trapped along with personal mines	RCN	S-2	
X	19	1437		All bivouac areas around Kasserine mined & booby trapped	S-2	1st AD II Corps	
X	20	1523		A French civilian reports that among the German column that withdrew from this vicinity, 50 large guns, of these, 20 were 155, 4 - 210mm, several 88's and the rest were large size A.T. mostly 77 also practically every tank was towing another tank, also every truck was towing another truck, the number of tanks and trucks are not known. I am sending my L.O. to your CP also all of the cows are coming.	RCN	S-2	
X	21	1350		French source reports 21 Pz Div in concealed Bivouac vicinity Sbeitla with intent of surprising our elements & pushing into Kasserine-Sbeitla valley value of source creditable subject to check however.	II Corps	S-2	
X	22	1538		French civilian formerly Arty man reports hostile column heading east night of 24/25 Feb. contained 50 large guns, 20 were 155's, 4 were 210mm, several 88's, others were large guns A.T.'s mostly 77's. Enemy tank was towing another & each truck another truck.	S-2	II Corps	
X	23	2005		Summarize enemy situation for today & expedite report.	Div.	S-2	
X	24	2105		Re your request for enemy situation, this organization has been in reserve since noon yesterday, your guess is as good as ours.	S-2	1st AD	
X	25	2213		R is closed in new position at 2212 hrs. Position at 716800. All vehicles not yet accounted for.	RCN	S-2	

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 27 February 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
X	1	0958	INTERCEPT - 2 Barb wire lns. & booby traps at S-7858, Arabs coming back into flat.	81-Rcn	Div	
X	2	1017	INTERCEPT - Rd. 4 mi. NE of Thelepte blown in two places, also heavily mined & booby trapped.	81-Rcn	Div	
X	3	1037	A source reports 21 Pz. Div in concealed bivouacs vicinity Sbeitla with intent of surprising our elements entering Kasserine 1000	1st AD	All units	
X	4	1045	INTERCEPT - One dummy, one actual mine placed, mined & booby trapped 7 mi. SW of Kasserine. Arab reports only Italian troops in vicinity S-9357, two days ago - 2030 - 26 Feb.	81st Rcn	Div	
X	5	1103	Div reports 21 Pz Div reported to be in Sbeitla waiting for our forces to occupy Kasserine	S-2	All units	
X	6	1130	INTERCEPT - In ref to msg. rd. mined & booby trapped between Feriana & Thelepte, and road between these two mined further inspection will continue.	1st	Div	
X	7	1150	INTERCEPT - Rd is clear along this route S-423361, S-423160, S-523381, S-62935 to point 3 mi. W of 17	Div	CCA	
X	8	1335	My unit received 1/500,000 maps will reposition same at once.	S-2	all units	
X	9	1325	Arab found with troop list to be shot, Arabs name, date of execution, witnessing officers name, Lt. General Bradley.	1st AD	S-2	
X	10	1345	81 Pz Gren Regt. Afrika located Gafsa P.C. afternoon 25 Feb. Defense line of 5th Pz. Regt. to be ready for inspection by 1st March. Special effort on defensive position ordered 10th Pz. Div. Source considered reliable.	1st AD	S-2	
X	11	1510	Please report number of enemy dead you buried during Kasserine operation	S-2	Chaplain CC "B"	
X	12	1510	Please indicate in connection with Kasserine: 1. Total prisoners - 238 plus stragglers 2. Total Italian - 234 3. Total of Germans - 4 4. Total buried - 22	S-2	S-1 CCF	
X	13	1635	Re your msg of 1325 hrs. Arab with troop list escaped. He never was captured. Re your request enemy dead in valley, he buried 12, enemy buried 10.	S-2	1st AD	
X	14	1400	British 1st Army reports enemy attack in North repulsed with loss of 400 prisoners mostly Germans. Attack renewed 27 Feb. in Sid in Gar area. 106 Pz Div believed either at Sidi Bou Zid or Fairouan, 21 Pz Div reported remaining in front of II Corps. area elements of 580 Recce Unit identified Fouar Ada area.	1st AD	S-2	
X	15	2040	Reference our msg Arab spy with troop list report on action taken desired at once - Expedite, preference Gusrtt.	II Corps	S-2	

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27 February 1943

IN OUT NO. TIME

MESSAGE

FROM TO

X	16	2115	Speed directs a complet report on Arab with Troop list, 1st AD send direct to speedy by special messenger. Copy to this Hq. by routine msg.	S-2
x	17	2118	Arab with troop list fired upon by our troops MR Haidra on 25th Feb. escaped leaving basket in which list was found.	1st AD II Corps

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 KASSERINE
 28 February 1943

IN-OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
X 1	1000	One enemy 210mm shell & case in your possession will be sent to S-2 at once.	S-2	C.O, 2nd Bn. 13th
X 2	1105	Direct CC, "B" to push strong & vigorous Recce into Sbeitla coordination should be made W/34 Div which is pushing from Sbiba.	II Corps	Patton
X 3	1325	Reconnoitre area at Kasserine at once when mission have been dispatched. Ack. receipt of this msg.	1-AD	S-2
X 4	1528	Ren Pl. cleared 1525	S-2	II Corps
X 5	1529	LR cleared at 1525	Ren	S-2
X 6	1557	L.O. reports that 16 CT reports Sbeitla clear of enemy.	S-2	II Corps 1st AD
X 7	1630	Ren Pl. enroute to Kasserine as ordered. What orders have you for it when it arrives there?	S-2	1st AD
X 8	1645	have Company ready to move on short notice. Sbeitla reported clear, source of information fair.	S-2	Ren
X 9	1700	Attached enemy material from Kasserine Valley is forwarded for your information.	S-2	II Corps
X 10	1707	Rt. 1st Pl. 9573 all clear re your msg. 1645 hrs. Advise on recalling LR.	Ren	S-2
X 11	1707	Do not recall LR am trying to keep you in.	S-2	Ren
X 12	1730	From LR rt. 9768 all clear the roads are all clear booby traps & land mines all over the sides of roads	Ren	S-2
X 13	1750	LR rt. 9966 all clear except work being done to clear booby traps	Ren	S-2
X 14	1827	Arab agent reports enemy moved from Sbeitla yesterday	S-2	1st AD
X 15	1708	Ren reports no enemy to 9573	S-2	1st AD
X 16	1845	It is believed 580 Recce Bn moving to vicinity T-6838 Bn has been operating with 21 Pz. Div.	1st AD	S-2
X 17	1945	Unconfirmed report places 22 unidentified vehicles including tks at T-2190 to T-1995.	Div	S-2 All unit
X 18	2014	At 1945 hrs. an unconfirmed report places 22 vehicles including tks. at T-2190 to T-1995, whether friendly or hostile not known.	S-2	All units
X 19	2145	Expedite report on Ren. 2125	Div	S-2
X 20	2153	Ren at Kasserine for night cannot progress until light because of mines. We'll be in Sbeitla before noon tomorrow	S-2	1st AD

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 KASSERINE VALLEY
 1 March, 1943

In - Out - No.	TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
X	1 0007	23 vehicles some tks among them reported at T-2190 at 1801. At 1900 reported progressing up valley 6 miles Northwest SBETITIA moving at 2 1/2 MPH camouflaged with hay.	1-AD	S-2
X	2 0030	23 veh. conf. with hay reported progressing 6 miles N.W. of SBETITIA at 1900 hrs. Vehicles including tanks & moving at 2 1/2 MPH veh. were at T-2190 at 1800 hrs.	DIV	All Units
X	3 0130	Unidentified vehicles previously reported were at T-2190 at 1800 hrs. & at 1900 hrs. Progressing up valley 6 miles N.W. SBETITIA at 2 1/2 MPH camouflaged with hay.	S-2	All Units
X	4 0137	Yeiter's mission changed 1 Plat will be ready to move out with him at once. Another will report to McCravy at KASSERINE at 1st light to procede to SBETITIA	S-2	Co. "D" 16th Engrs.
X	5 0140	Rcn Co. less 1st Plat will procede at once to pass at T-1790 where 23 truck loads of hostile Inf reported detrucking. 1 Plat of Engrs. will accompany you. You will fetch them, 1st Pl. Rcn Co. will procede on mission originally assigned to Rcn Co. another pl. of engrs will meet it at KASSERINE at dawn	S-2	RCN
X	6 0140	You will be prepared with all or a portion of your command to support Rcn Co. by 1st light at Pass T-1790.	S-2	C.O. 2nd Bn 6th
X	7 0143	As of 1st light your Rcn pl. will Rcn the valley for lateral routes from rd. along which bivouaced to THALA rd. & thence to Pass T-1790.	S-2	C.O. 2nd Bn 13th
X	8 0307	Weather report for 1st March--widely scattered light rains in high grounds in afternoon.	1-AD	S-2
X	9 0335	Do not understand fetch & from what direction is objective to be approached. Advise	RCN	S-2
X	10 0720	Request air reconnaissance of Pass T-1790	CG/CCB	II Corps
X	11 0722	Report progress & give Rt. all platoons	S-2	RCN
X	12 0805	Report Rt of R2, R3 - 8308, 1R will work S.E. from 880A. 2R will work E. from 9283	RCN	S-2
X	13 0815	Report Rt's every 1/2 hr. Advise when all Plats reach objectives. Speed is essential	S-2	Rcn
X	14 0820	Give Rt. 1R. Repeat Rt's 2 & 3.	S-2	Rcn
X	15 0855	Rt. Big R, 2R - 9498, 3R moving SE 0835	Rcn	S-2
X	16	PHONE - Quiet night, reports on some enemy activity near SBETITIA are being checked. It is believed that there is some contact near the pass. We don't know, but we will try and check and let you know.	II Corps G-2	S-2

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IN-OUT-NO.-TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
X 17 0930	ly position & 2R is 9283. The Rt of 3R is 9502. 3R reports that friendly civilian states that friendly troops are at 3R. Ultimate destination that is as follows 1291. 1R at 1876 continuing on mission no enemy has been found in any of these areas. 1R reports enemy half tracks towing 37mm and filled with amm abandoned at 1473.	REN	S-2
X 18 0940	Roads & road shoulders & likely bivouac areas Kasserine Sbeitla heavily mined. Sbeitla believed abandoned, but probably booby trapped, armored enemy out posts around road from Sbeitla eastward mined. Prepared for use in these areas by enemy.	Div	S-2
X 19 0945	No enemy at S-9283, or M-9502, or T-1875, friendly civilian states pass at T-1790 in our hands. Abandoned enemy at rack and 37mm gun at T-1473. Ren moving on	S-2	G-2, IAD G-2, II Corps
X 20 0955	1R Rt - 200755, continuing on mission	REN	S-2
X 21 1000	RNO 2 will be accomplished as soon as possible	BB	S-2
X 22 1000	posts east side of town.		REN Co.
X 23 1015	Rt 1R 200755 continuing mission, Rt 3R 0087, Rt Big R & 2R 9283, 2R moving east from this position	REN	S-2
X 24 1101	Rt 3R 0893 at 1020 hrs., Rt 2R 0384 at 1040 hrs. RT. 1R 200755 at 1051 hrs. Rt C.P. 9284.	REN	S-2
X 25 1115	Rt 1R 2875 all clear so far	REN	S-2
X 26 1116	All clear to T-0892 and T-0384 and T-2875.	REN	S-2
X 27 1130	3R Rt 0992, 3R is working cross country situation looks clear. 2R Rt 9885. 2R reports he has seen simpson at 6186. He has seen nothing. 894 TD has also seen nothing	REN	S-2
X 28 1145	1R Rt 2875; they are held up for the time being, the Engineers are in front of them. Simpson at 0786.	REN	S-2
X 29 1152	Rt 1191 ell clear	3-REN	S-2
X 30 1200	All clear T- 2875 at T-1991 and At S-9885 at 1145 hrs.	S-2	G-2, IAD G-2, II Corps
X 31 1140	Mission in air, report later	FB	S-2
X 32 1215	Rt 0085, all clear	REN	S-2
X 33 1223	If possible relay this msg to 894. Robin Ren. have contacted friendly Ren. Shimer	REN	S-2
X 34 1300	Attached papers from enemy dead in Kasserine Valley are forwarded for your information.	S-2	G-2, II Corps
X 35 1240	ly CP 9284, 3R has reached objective at 1790, all clear	REN	S-2
X 36 1245	1R still in same position. They are progressing as fast as the engineers can work.	REN	S-2

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IN-OUT-NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
X 37	1247	Pass T-1790 reported all clear by my Rcn.	S-2	G-2, IAD G-2, II Corps
X	38 1314	Report Sams present position URGENT, 1137 hrs.	34-Div	S-2
X	39 1320	Mac has observed area in his vicinity & has observed no enemy	Rcn.	S-2
X	40 1320	We have vehicles within 1 mile of town, fast patrols in town itself, find town deserted & wrecked, there are booby traps & personnel mines throughout town. 3 men from other outfits seriously wounded by personnel mines LR is trying to get a vehicle to evacuate them.	Rcn	S-2
X	41 1328	Sbeitla clear of enemy but booby trapped & mined	S-2	G-2, IAD. G-2, 2-Corps
X	42 1330	3R reports he has tanks continuing roads in vicinity of his position. He has OP established in his vicinity. The area is clear.	Rcn	S-2
X	43 1345	Four large tanks at 0-2500, only spot report, may be more later.	BB	S-2
X	44 1354	Hoy joining Mac. 4 large tks reported 15 miles North Sbeitla. Identification unknown.	Rcn	S-2
X	45 1355	Is my Rcn Co. relieved? Sbeitla clear of enemy.	S-2	G-2, IAD
X	46 1359	Sbeitla and pass at T-1790 clear of enemy	S-2	All units
X	47 1405	3R & engineers report that they found evidence Germans have been there sometime ago, because they have found places bombed by personnel bombs from friendly planes.	Rcn	S-2
X	48 1416	Report back at once. Pass clear of enemy, 3R's tanks in vicinity thereof.	S-2	1st Frank 34 Div Hq
X	49 1430	Rcn from 34 contacted LR at 2577	Rcn	S-2
X	50 1438	Situation unchanged. No enemy T-1790 or Sbeitla. Is my Rcn Co. relieved, please reply.	S-2	G-2, IAD
X	51 1400	Air Rcn around 1000 hrs. showed 4 big unidentified tks. at 0-2500 area S-219 x 13 - X593-1-98, S934R21, X793-0-12 reported clear, 0845 edges of roads & wadi area S-934R21 reported mined. Abandoned papers identified 5th Bersaglieri as having been in area S719P50.	1-AD	S-2
X	52 1500	1st Pl. reports Hay just arrived to his rear. 1st Pl. is awaiting ambulance.	Rcn	S-2
X	53 1435	I have been in communication with Franks I have informed him & people he is with regarding my position. He wants you to know that he is coming back.	Rcn	S-2
X	54 1415	Report back from 34. Pass clear of enemy, 3R's tanks in vicinity thereof. 3R's tanks are visible on road from LR (S-9182) is approx. 5 miles then becomes invisible. Travel eastward from cross roads (S-9885) is cross country difficult due to wadis. No enemy troops were seen. Contacted 1st Pl. 13th Rcn at 1130 hrs.	2Bn	S-3 S-2

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IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
X		55	1500	<u>Push Rcn forward between Sbeitla, Sidi Bou Zid, go cross country when necessary.</u>	Div	S-2
	X	56	1530	<u>Cannot comply with your order due to fatigue & maintenance difficulties. Request permission to recall Rcn at once.</u>	S-2	Div
X		57	1620	<u>Request granted 1620 hrs.</u>	Div	S-2
X		58	1545	<u>42 tanks in msg signed 1400hrs. was friendly & tracks</u>	Div	S-2
X		59	1810	<u>Rt same position of last reported waiting for 2R</u>	Rcn	S-2
X		60	1930	<u>Area T-499K54 reported clear of enemy 1500 hrs., area O-814M72 reported clear of enemy, no contact made in this area 1700 hrs., S-714U15, reported clear at 1500 hrs., X999R96 still occupied by enemy.</u>	1-44	All units
X		61	1955	<u>Tank knocked out in mouth of Kasserine bears Insignia of 15th Ex. Div. Rcn tucked in.</u>	S-2	1st Div 1st Corps
X		62	2100	<u>Map template reference holes 6,3,5,9,1,7,2,8,4, Map template tilt angle 0 effective 0001 as 3 March</u>	Div	S-2
X		63	2245	<u>Request wrecker to pick up assault gun & peep at 9413.</u>	Rcn	S-2
X		64	2250	<u>Send wrecker to pick up assault gun & peep at 9473</u>	S-2	Maint.

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 KASSERINE VALLEY
 2 MARCH 1943.

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIG.	DISPOSITION
X		1	1020	Enemy air troop reported at T-4965 on 1st March. Many enemy troops reported around T-5859 on 1st March. Information not confirmed.	Div Ren	S-2
X		2	1102	Considerable activity and smoke vicinity GAFSA at 0900 hrs. 2nd March column seen headed toward EL GUETTAR from GAFSA.	Div Ren	S-2
X		3	1020	12 ASG D-2. Mission MRC over FAID - FOUDOUK - HADJEBEL AIDUN was MIL. NR 2 over GAFSA-much activity and smoke in GAFSA. 3 Trucks & 2 tks, one H/T going very fast out of GAFSA toward EL GUETTAR. Both light and heavy moderate flak at GAFSA on road east of GAFSA & at EL GUETTAR bivouac area near EL GUETTAR.	BANK- BOOK	S-2
X		4	1250	British first army is sending Phantom patrol to work with Co. "B" 81st Ren. Meet this patrol between 0031, 1000 hrs and 0002 hrs at road junction 2775. INTERCEPT	(Div)	
X	X	5	1656	Please advise what is happening in 5th corps sector	S-2	C-2, 1 AD
X		6	1727	At 1600 hrs. only enemy in LAFTAR, CUSSELTIA, FOU- BOUK, FAID, SBWITIA observed near three deep trench road blocks 8 miles southwest of HAJJEB EL AICUB.	Bank Book	S-2
X		7	1745	No source of information beyond speedy. Periodic which you received, will furnish any information available to us.	1-AD	A-2
X		8	2000	Friendly Ren reached unit 194-0-11 at 1800 hrs. No enemy contact ID-T-339175 reported free of mines Air Ren 1500 hrs. area LAFTAR, CUSSELTIA, FOUDOUK, FAID, SBWITIA, HAJJEB EL AICUB reported cratera with 3 large holes 8 miles S.W. of HADJEB EL AICUB.	DIV	S-2

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PLACET: KASSERINE
 3rd March 43

PU	NO	TIME	MESSAGE		
X	1	0815	Arabs North Chott-el-Phassa, coordinates X-23 and west of Gafsa reported armed and hostile	DIV	S-2
X	2	0915	Air Rcn at 0830 hrs. received light AA fire from T-8267 to T-9484	DIV	S-2
X	3	0858	Encountered 2 FW 190 east of Pichon. 1 FW 190 damaged FW broke away and went towards Kairouan. Light inaccurate Flak Bigfence between T-8267 and T-9482 at O-1522, 30 vehicles moving west.		S-2
X	4	0945	Last night documents were rec. requesting info. covering time found and location.	DIV	S-2
X	5	1000	Area E-157092 and E-127069 reptd clear of enemy at 1500 hrs. 2 march. T-386P67 mined and booby trapped area T-386590 mined.	DIV	S-2
X	6	1010	Documents were said to have been taken from a MK IV but passed thru so many hands before coming to me that I can give no accurate information	S-2	1st AD
X	7	0845	People whom I am with have changed orders will only reconnoitre with in six miles of town in question. Warn Sam that no many Speedy find enemy dressed as Arabs.		S-2
X	8	1325	D-6 at 1230, 25 trucks in ravine at Y-1377 painted pink, camouflaged light flak at Gafsa.	B B	S-2
X	9	1415	Air Rcn at 1230 hrs. report 25 or more trucks & possible field guns at T-315X43 light AA fire at Gafsa 1415.	DIV	S-2
X	10	1000	Weather forecast for 5th clear	1st AD	S-2
X	11	1800	Arty officer 1st AD through communications officer 27 PA orders MK VII's men in my force transferred to another organization. urgently recommend attention here and will hold pending your decision, signed Robinett.	S-2	1st AD

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PLACE: KASSERINE
 DATE: 4th March 1943

REF	COD	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPOS
X		1	0870	D-1, 4 March any information is requested concerning a combat between Spitfires and German A/C either mes. or FW combat occurred SE of Sbeitla area on Feb. 15th at 1145A	BB	S-2
X		2	0900	Re your message 0830 hours. This command was not in that sector at the time and has no knowledge of the matter.	S-2	BB
X		3	0915	Friendly Rcn Rec. arty fire from vicinity U-175118 at 1800 hrs. 3 March. Large calibre arty fire reported vicinity T-449 K45. O-921F84 & P114N32 reported lightly held by enemy on 3 March.	DIV	All Units
X		4	1105	D-4 much reconnaissance of Hajeb el aioun eastside of ridge from Fondouk to Faid. Light vehicles activity going east at O-9018. No E/A fired on at T-8570, 3 bursts only fire burning at T-8935.	EB	S-2
X		5	1130	No enemy activity observed between Dj Trozsaand, Hadjeb el Aioun, Fondouk El Okbi Faid from air 1000	DIV	S-2
X		6	1140	For information boundary between 9 Division and 1st A.D. Position S-5072. N. of Mafegua S-5350. Paris all Djebel to 9 Division - rd junct. S-5743. Stream junct. at S-5035. The nca line of oued to Gafsa mission of 1st A.D. is protection of right flank of second corps west of division. left boundary utilizing active Rcn & Patrols	DIV	S-2
X		7	1855	Regarding msg 1010A 3rd March concerning documents. Speedy. 1st direct quote immediate investigation and report sending forth AD details regarding the finding and possessing of said documents including name and org. of individual concerned inquote expidite.	AD	S-2
X		8	2015	Light detachments of enemy troops reported holding passes at T-105-V-31 and T-105-P-24 Italian observation post reported Y-187-U-08 & Y-87J74 and possible Italian observation posts as Y187-O-71.	1st AD	S-2

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PLACE: KASSERINE

5th March 1943

IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	DISPOST
X		1	0918	Investigation - Documents in question were probably found in Wadi at . This is definitely hearsay evidence and unreliable, but best obtainable	S-2	1st AD
X		2	1010	Friendly Ren at S-633877, S-119055, T107A88 no enemy contact area T54LT99 clear of enemy. 2200 hrs. 4th March no contact at O-711R63 at 0630hrs. 5th March.	DIV	S-2
X		3	1016	INTERCEPT - We are in bivouac as ordered, our patrols are out nothing else to report.	HQ CO. 1st PL. 81stRCN	S-2
X		4	1050	INTERCEPT - Friendly troops report 15 Italian tks moving north into foothills this morning X7468, also 150 Italian soldiers at X7468, also Italian mines at X7583.	81st RCN	S-2
X		5	1120	INTERCEPT - friendly troops report 15 Italian tks moving north at 1016 rd to wadi at X189062 very soft and slow traffic.	81st	S-2
X		6	1250	INTERCEPT - Our Ren working east from vicinity X691U55, no enemy contact 1200 hrs.	81st	S-2
X		7	1320	INTERCEPT - Enemy S-608R50 found to be heavily mined and booby trapped. Center of rds to N. and W. are OK. rds to S. teller and anti personnel mines on shoulders	81st	S-2
X		8	1443	12 ASC 5 Mar. D-3 RCN of SBETLA - Faid - U-0365 El Ala Pichon No E/A No Flak, no enemy activity.	BB	S-2
X		9	1800	Enemy reported in position N. end S. of Pichon with INF on the N. side of Dj. Trozza O-6914 and artillery on high ground W. of Pichon and 5 enemy tanks at O-5831 at 1400 hrs. 15 men in small groups observed at 1530A	DIV	S-2
X		10	1910	Friendly troops took Pichon at 1635 hrs. Enemy troops in hill to north of Pichon of Dj. Trozza O-6913, clear of enemy in south friendly patrols reached X-4898 late afternoon	1st AD	S-2
X		11	1800	All secure, nothing to report - INTERCEPT	81st	DIV

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KASSERINE
6th March 1943

IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X		1	0840	Next conference on 8th March. None today.	DIV	S-2
X		2	0852	INTERCEPT - Our patrols confirm that enemy troops were in XA39W34 last night	81st	S-2
X		3	1051	INTERCEPT- Co. C.B. at S-309A95 Patrols are in route to W-789J19 Nothing to report	DIV	S-2- CCA
X		4	1055	For your information Corps believe phone message on attack sent you night of 4-5 March obtained desired results, i.e. learning of PMC 9 had been compromised. Corps believes elements of 580 Ron Bn sucked northward through Faid from vicinity Mehari Zebbens T-7918.	Brown G-2	S-2
X		5	1500	Germans attacked 8th Army this morning, no details available. friendly patrol captured 12 prisoners, 2 miles north of Gafsa this morning no details available.	1st AD	S-2
X		6	152	Our patrols at X-499W45 & S-713X44 at 1455hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	DIV
X		7	1533	Line fields reported at X78LJ75 not encountered by our patrols 1525 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	DIV
X		8	1530	Civilians tell friendly patrols that enemy troops in Gafsa mainly Italians, some German tanks in vicinity Gafsa. Italians told Arabs that mines in and around Gafsa taken up by Italians as Italians intend to stay. Italians bivouaced southeast of Gafsa on road to Guettar - 1530 hrs.	1st AD	S-2
X		9	1515	German offensive toward Hadjeb el Bab stopped enemy intention not clear seems to be assuming defensive attitude estd 40 tks of 10th Pz Div combat command out of action with bulk of German armor on Mareth line little believed available for operation in Central Tunisia 580th Ron believed Faid Pichon Hadjebel Aloun area estd 1 or 2 days time needed before any considerable German Inf. or Arty can be shifted to Pichon Faid Fondouk and corps estimate.	1st AD	S-2
X		10	1940	Ref. your msg 1840. Col Bouley will report as requested.	1st AD	S-2

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PLANE: 7th March 1943

DATE: KASSERINE

NO.	TIME	REPORT	ORIGIN	POSITION
X	1 0850	INTERCEPT - Our Rcn. report road from Bir-El Aler to Mides and Tamerza is treacherous terrain on either side of road hardly passable for vehicles due to use, steep banks, wadis. enemy in Metalouri with 26 tanks. Enemy also in Tozeur strength unknown. El Hann is clear of enemy. Time of Rcn 1440; 6th March 0850 hrs.	81st Rcn	DIV
X	2 0915	73 enemy tanks observed vicinity X-8778 at 0829 hrs. Enemy tanks in Column - INTERCEPT	D-10	All units
X	3 1133	INTERCEPT - My patrols operating out of X-295128 all clear at X295128 and X296H91. Am sending patrolling further south two american and one french plane wrecked at X191168 several days ago.	701st Rcn	S-2
X	4 1520	12 ASC P-8 Rcn southwest to Metalouri east to Gafsa observation nothing on top of hill. Estimate 20 vehicles parked along road from X-8276 to X-9278. Slip trenches but no personnel seen at Metalouri, light inaccurate flax from Gafsa	BB	S-2
X	5 1615	Prisoners taken by our Rcn at 8470 on 6th March identified as first Co. 18th Italian MP Bn. air Rcn over area east of pass at 8470 at 1530 hrs. 7th March. reported only 4 enemy vehicles observed.	1st A.D.	S-2
X	6 1630	Air Rcn reports estimated 20 veh. reported alongside road at X8276 to X9278 at 1515 hrs. light A.A. flax fire raid at Gafsa this msg corrects 1615 report.	1st A.D.	S-2
X	7 1735	Msg 0915 hrs. and 1600 hrs. are errors. that should be 7 tanks, not 73 tanks.	1st AD	S-2
X	8 1850	A conflict has arisen, can you give your talk at 1445 instead of 1300 hrs. tomorrow.	3rd Bn 13th	S-2
X	9 2055	Will arrange my talk tomorrow at 1445 hrs.	S-2	3rd Bn 13th

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8th March 1943

ROUTE NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	1 1015	As of 0915 Ren to Gafsa then west & north along mt. ridge at X-9586 believed bivouac area dug in side of hill & some vehicles on rd. X8779, 6 vehicles moving west.	BB	S-2
X	2 1100	Air reports 6 vehicles along road moving west at X8779 at 0915 hrs. at X9586. There are camouflaged vehicles & bivouac area dug in along mountains.	DIV	S-2
X	3 1108	Recon of Pichon - Fondouk area jumped by 3 or 4 FW 190 vicinity of Pichon. 1 Spitfire missing & one Fw 190 believed destroyed. Flax near Pichon. Weather Bad, no observation.	BB	S-2
X	4 1130	INTERCEPT - Report situation to include Sutherland	GCA	701st
X	5 1630	Enemy occupying valley as far west as Hadjeb El Aïoun to Capt. Fite from Lt. Kath, no knowledge of Patrols this HQ's of air action.	House Maid	S-2
X	6 2240	Confidential all troops will be advised that Arabs entering our lines & giving Paa word Capitaine Henri will be conducted to French command at Police Taberna these Arabs will be teated well but escorted.	1st A.D.	S-2

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9th March 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	1	0825	Confidential all troppe will be advised that Arabs entering our lines & giving Password Capitaine Henri will be conducted to French commissaint De Police, Tebessa. These Arabs will be treated well but escorted.	S-2	All Units.
X	2	0800	Light rain showers forecast for next four hours afternoon	1st AD	S-2
X	3	1135	12 ASC 9th March A 01 D1 return of Gafsa, Metalouri Lozeur 3-4 vehicles seen moving southwest toward Toseur at edge of town. 12 vehicles seen parked at X-5122, all planes returned	BB	S-2
X	4	1413	12 ASC 9th March D-2, AC2 Recon of pass at T-7625, north of Maknassy. No observation, attitude 0 to 500 ft.	BB	S-2
X	5	1436	Air reports 4 vehicles moving southwest vicinity Toseur and 12 vehicles parked vicinity X-5122 at 1030 hrs.	DIV	S-2
X	6	1820	C.P. log 2nd Bn 13th A.R. S-7268 1/200,000, 1335 hrs. 4 Spitfires over area flying north. No other activity reported during day-light hours.	2nd Bn 13th	S-2

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PLACE:

DATE: 10 March 1943

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ORIG	TO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIG	TO
X		1 0822	12 ASG 10 March DI. Recon. 0745 KEFELAH MAR to EL ALA to PICHON. No enemy activity sighted.	BB	S-2
X		2 1418	Recon. FAID to V-2355 at 1300 hrs. a few scattered vehicles 12 miles west of FAID MOVING EAST. No other movement seen.	BB	S-2
X		3	Track from X track T-3549 - T-2444 through Olad Meussa. Track DIV marked on map does not exist. difficult but possible ground for wheels - tracks OK after careful recon. Track from T-3842 pass 2433 good for armd cars and tanks, pass is narrow and may be difficult for truck. air report crater in rd. 4 miles west of FAID.		S-2
X		4 1545	D-7 at 1500 recon. shows 9 trucks moving east from Gafsa Y-1585. Much smoke at Y-1479.	BB	S-2
X		5 1600	Air Rn reports following light A.A. fire at Y-1575, much smoke at Y-1479, 3 small vehicles at X-9684. 6 heavy trucks moving east at Y-1585. 3 Heavy trucks heading east at Y-1375. All observed around 1500A.	1st AD	S-2
X		6 1637	1600 hrs. recon shows no activity in area vicinity Philippe Thomas X-7268 - X-9574.	BB	S-2

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PLACE: KASSERINE

DATE: 11 March 1943

IN	OUT	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	1	0810	Unable to continue planning unless you immediately send Maps of the Faid - Triago., Sfax areas as I have already twice requested by Liaison Officer.	S-2	1st A.D.
X	2	0905	AD-1 Mission returned early due to weather no observation.	BB	S-2
X	3	1040	Reference msg. signed at 0810A. Maps will be dispatched to you by fastest practicable means when available 1005	DIV	S-2
X	4	1052	If Capt. Frankel is at your Co. please advise him that he must be at Div C.P. at 1400 hrs.	S-2	Service Co. B Main
X	5	1300	Repeat on AD-1 route Faid Sidi Bou Sid Dj. Lassouds enemy tank burned at T-7245.	BB	S-2
X	6	1600	D5 AD-2 No enemy activity seen route Kel el Akmar, Fichon Fondouk.	BB	S-2
X	7	1740	Air Ren at 1200 hrs. vicinity Faid observed following burned German Tank at T-7241, american Jeep at T-7261, Burning German tank and truck at T-7445.	DIV	All units
X	8	1745	Road at T-6864 shelled at 0820 hrs. 6 enemy vehicles believed to be tanks observed near T-6864 at 1200 hrs. 1000 hrs. heard in Sidi Bou Sid at 1030A vehicles active on road between T-6763 and Faid during morning. 2 enemy guns reported at X8381, Italian troops reported at X-8392.	DIV	All units
X	9	1750	D7 AC3 Recon of Sbeitla T-7970, T-7958 and return. No enemy activity seen.	BB	S-2
X	10	1800	German & Italian tps in Maknassy and tanks in El Guettar 10 March. Many Italians X8292 with heavy guns in stream bed other heavy guns X8381 March 11th, teller mine 5 miles south of Madjene Bel Abbes with pull fuse to 225 pound French aerial bomb mine handle was up. 1400	DIV	All Unit

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12 March 1943

IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X		1	0545	DL, no change in ground situation. No change in bomblines.	BB	S-2
X		2	0850	DL, Rcn over T-3590 to T-9050 to T-7055. No activity sighted	BB	S-2
X		3	0900	One JU88 observed 0850 hrs. at S-7083, flying E. S.E. at about 12,000 feet.	27thFA	S-2
X		4	1028	1 JU88 observed 0850 hrs. at S-7083, flying E. S.E. at about 12,000 feet.	S-2	1st AD
X		5	1031	Report S-2 anytime convenient before 1600 hrs.	S-2	RGN
X		6	1135	Request information on OUED EL HATHOB PASS ability character of bottom location of fords.	DIV	S-2
X		7	1705	Do you mean OUED EL HATHOB or OUED EL HATAB. Advise at Once.	S-2	1st AB.
X		8	1718	We mean OUED EL HATHOB in msg signed 1135A.	DIV	S-2
X		9	2020	7 large & 8 small German tanks bivouaced in swimming pool area. Gafsa reported to operate in vicinity 2882. Italian Arty at Gafsa has German Officer, mines laid X-0286 to X0787. None connected by wires sources Arab.	DIV	All Units
X		10		6 derelict tanks facing west at T-7759, 20 veh. moved during afternoon from Faid road at T-6863 and road north and dispersed at T-6865. 24 reported this morning at same place on March 11. 20 vehs. west of T-6868 and 9 on 10 March Square T-74. Searches & no fire at T-8283 lightly held and a suspected OP at T-7837 on road from Pass T-7233 and T-7250. Vehicles seen at T-7835. 12 men seen at T-3410	DIV	All units.
X		11	1310	At 1100 Rcn report 10 - 15 enemy tanks headed S.W. at T-3312 followed by armd cars. Also report enemy bivouac areas at U-3859 and Q-2148 intense light Flax at these areas.	BB	S-2

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13th March 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	1		1. Enclosed are Air Photos with overlays showing areas covered. 2. Reference photos numbered 164 (Lower left hand corner), distribution has been made direct by Div. Arty Commander to all arty units, under Div control. No previous distribution has been made on Photos numbered 166 or 173.	1st AD	S-2
X	2	2240	1. Enclosed are additional Photos of road between Gafsa and Maknassy (Overlay showing coverage & photos previously sent you at 1430A. 12 March) 2. These photos are for use of troops of your command during operation WOP. 3. All arty units under Division control have received distribution from the Division arty commander. Martin; Also enclosed 2 ssts showing Maknassy area.	1st AD	S-2
X	3	2400	Following received from Corps G-2. Est. attack Faid - Sbeitla axis tomorrow by morning highly probably by 21-22. Div preceded by 2 Arm. Rcn elements. Report any indications unusual enemy activity during night.	1st A.D.	S-2
X	4	2030	Situation report 2100 hrs. 13 March 1943. Aerial Rcn 1100A. 13 Mar. est. 25 veh. & troops concentrated U-3859 also troops concentrated U-2143. 3 tanks moving E. at T-3941. 15 tanks moving SW at T-5550 were strafed & dispersed. At 1125A. they had turned NE and reached T-5248. During morning ground Rcn showed at T-5048 a 4 wheeled AC, an Italian M. tk, a M/C, all stationary, and one tk 4 miles SW. No movement squares T-74 & T-73. 5 Inf. at T-7382. Explosions around T-6426. Vehicle concentration reported just east Sidi Bou Sid, 3 tks & 3 - 8 wheeled AC's with a plat. of diamd Inf. at O-5514 at 1115A. 2 tks seen just north Hajeb-el-Rouin at 1000A. Enemy intentions not yet clear.	1st A. D.	S-2

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KASSERINE

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- X 1 1045 Re your msg. signed 1430 hrs. 14 March rec'd here 1030 hrs. G-2 S-2
 14 March. Col. Benson was notified at 0005 hrs. Liaison 1st AD
 Officer and at 0700 by special messenger as this information
 was of prime importance to him.
- X 2 1320 Recon of FONDOUK & WESTERN approaches to FAID PASS observed
 3 Lorries headed west near Fondouk O-8517 light flak at. Big Fence S-2
 T-8263 & T-8275, No E/A
- X 3 1710 Reports by Co. "F" this unit - Sbeitla, 1200 hrs. 14 March. C.O.
 No enemy activity observed by patrols during past 24 hours. 2nd Bn S-2
 Continuous rain for past 18 hours. Seemed to be raining even
 harder farther east. Road conditions - KASSERINE - SBEITLA 6th
 fair, but not suitable for heavy traffic. KASSERINE - CC "B" Inf.
 area; Practically impassable even for peeps, impossible for
 heavy vehicles. KASSERINE - THELEPTE; 2nd zone, but would
 soon be impassable with heavy traffic.
- X 4 1800 OP log for 2nd Bn 13th from 1745 hrs. 13th March to 1745 S-2
 hrs. 14 March 1943. S-3 S-2
 1. Guard mounted 1745 hrs. 13 March 1943 2nd Bn C/O B
 2. 2215 hrs. officer of Guard made inspection. 13th
 3. 0345 hrs. 14 March 1943 Officer of Guard made inspection
 4. 0730 named C.P. 150 yds S/W "D CO" area.
 5. 0801 Arab from nearby hut approached C.P. and pointed
 at glasses & gun - evidently inquiring purpose of
 post, chased him back to initial point.
 6. 1045 Gunfire heard to west 30 & 50 Cal. & few larger
 guns. No signs of planes. evidently practice
 fire.
 7. 1115 Officer of Guard checked post.
 8. 1300 Shooting heard in west. No sign of planes.
 9. 1745 Guard relieved.
- X 5 1928 Rain in SBEITLA and to east thereof. For past 18 hrs,
 road conditions; KASSERINE - SBEITLA fair but unsuitable for
 heavy traffic; Kasserine - This C.P. area practically S-2 1st AD
 impassable even for peeps impossible for heavy vehicles,
 Kasserine - Thelepte; - Fair now but would soon be impassable
 with heavy traffic. Sent no message to you 1430 hrs.
- X 6 Please send me: - 4 sheets 1/100,000., small supply of
 cellophane tape., supply of maps, as a reserve., my gloves FRANKEL S-2
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 aretate or celluloid, enough to equip small map board.
- X 7 Martin will you kindly give this messenger the French Map Satty Major
 1/50,000 that you spoke to me about last nite. He will make Phillips-
 a copy & return it to you today. You know the one I mean of born
 the area N.E. of the pass toward SBEITLA. I would appreciate
 it very much.

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| X | 1 0850 15 March D1 Ron DJ TROZZA S- Naceur Allah - Faid Pass, at 0800A. No Flak, one truck parked in pass. 2 trucks at T-8793. | EB | S-2 |
| X | 2 1300 The mgr. has a box which includes a stock of new issue maps in eastern areas of Tunisia at the time it was received (Feborssek) you & I decided to keep the box closed & intact for the future. The box was delivered to me today, and I am returning to you since I know you will definitely want this coverage. | Major ARNOLD | S-2 |
| X | 3 1425 Please let bearer, Tech Sgt. Gears make overlay of enemy situation as effect coming operation. | C.O. 27-F.A. | S-2 |
| X | 4 1615 T-5780 cactus Ron patrol ambushed by enemy, enemy tks & Inf 1120A. From Corps 1215A. 15 March. A patrol reported D1. Idem reported at 1015A. Another patrol on Sidi Bou El - Hab Aloun road was chased by 2 tks. to T-5286 where they were shelled by heavy calibre arty from N & NE at 1115A. 1220. 1. U-1647 enemy airports. 2. Air Ron 0830 hrs. 15 Mar in area Sidi Bou Sid, one truck in Faid Pass, 2 or 3 other scattered vehicles, some AA fire vicinity Faid, met 10 ME's largest number met yet. Probability that they are providing screen to against air activity in this area. No vehicles moving, on rd. from Faid to T-6763 on road T-8053 to Sidi Bou Sid all observed between 1000A & 1200A. one vehicle & 12 men came out of pass & withdrew at 1133A. Rifle fire from 5 men at T-7132 at 1100A. Ridge T-4502 to 4506 believed held by Bn of enemy digging in at 1307A. Friendly patrol fired on at 1428A from hill at O-6218. 8 men seen on hill. | II CORPS | S-2 |
| X | 5 Pass T-4204 & ridge running T-4502 to T-4506 is considered held by 1 Bn. of enemy digging in. | Sultan Panthom | |

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Western Africa

1 0800 Left Kasserine Valley

X 2 1835 The Rt's are the same 1st & 3rd observed objective, report all clear.

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X 3 1845 The Rt. of En Rcn are 1st at 583A, 2nd at 5832, 3rd patrolling from 6422 to 6338. Rt. of BP 5834. The Pioneers & Engineers have withdrawn from the valley, finding it clear of mines.

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RCN

X 4 2330 2nd En 13th A. R. closing in.

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X	1 0700	All clear, 776th T. D. Bn.	776th	S-2
X	2 0700	All clear,	Ren	S-2
X	3 0720	Beware of scattered mines in this area	S-2	All Units
X	4 0815	Rt. 4355 all clear German MG heard due east this position at 0805	RCN	S-2
X	5 0815	2nd Pl. in position all clear 0815 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	6 0825	Can any more information be obtained re MG fire.	S-2	RCN
X	7 0827	Your second mission now of primary importance report any movement in the direction	S-2	RCN
X	8 0830	MG fire heard was some Liny testing his Guns	RCN	S-2
X	9 0800	One patrol 12 men north zone valley. One patrol 8 men south zone valley. One patrol 6 men SE & SW zone RJ 34, 30-Incl. OP at T-4238 and T-2568.	776th RCN	S-2
X	10 0825	2nd in position at 6154 at 0815 hrs. Do you know who 776 is call sign FQE relay from 776 Ren as follows. Report has been sent by mgr re 3rd report 0825 hrs. liny testing his MG.	RCN	S-2
X	11 0906	Rt. same, all clear. Cammuck coming to your C.P. for my vehicle. Please give platons Rt.	RCN	S-2
X	12 0925	Minefields shown at 2557 picked up. Friendly OP's, at 5030 and 4457, 4665 and 5067 and 6048, 6729, 4691 and 7048. McQuillan ten hrs. late. Benson not yet arrived. Inf. Div attacking as planned.	S-2	RCN 13th 776th
X	13 0927	Mine field shown at T-2715 no longer exists.	S-2	All Units
X	14 0925	Re msg 0910 hrs. Veh. & men have moved to 6556, 2nd plts. reports a puff of smoke & explosion in vicinity 8062. Re my msg. 0845 hrs. request answer.	RCN	S-2
X	15 1007	See 4th line code for 776th Bn	S-2	RCN
X	16 1025	All clear we have heard the news - 3rd plat.	RCN	S-2
X	17 1051	Send Rt. 1st Plat. & 3rd Pl. and 2nd if changed also southern pl. 776th Ren send Rt. your CP if changed since last night	S-2	RCN
X	18 1116	2nd pl. reports arty bracketing on Pass took 45 seconds from firing to burst, friendly civilian state all enemy in region are Italian. 3rd pl. reports all clear at 1015	RCN	S-2
X	19 1120	Re msg 1116 which pass	S-2	RCN
X	20 1128	That was Pass 8060	RCN	S-2
X	21 1140	Our Rts have not changed am waiting for report from 776th Bn	RCN	S-2

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X	22	1140	Our Rts have not changed am waiting for report from 776th	RCN	S-2
X	23	1140	Contact Preston 3rd Bn at 3942 bring complete billeting party back to where he left. Bn. Yesterday orders of C.O. 3rd Bn. (Van)	RCN	S-2
X	24	1158	Kasserine - Sbeitla - Sidi - Bou - Sid rd. reported clear of mines.	S-2	All Units
X	25	1202	Wadi at 4651 reported often used by enemy tanks, watched by Liney C.P.	S-2	All Units
X	26	1210	Contact Preston at 3942 & tell him to bring complete billeting party to where he left Bn yesterday on orders of C.O. 3rd Bn. 13th A.R. (Relayed in a Rcn net)	S-2	S-2
X	27	1010	D7 AC2 escort for bombing mission over Gafsa hits observed in olive grove southeast of town. Hyway from Gafsa to Philip Thomas free of traffic at 0945. 3 med. tks going into Gafsa from south at Y-0966 heavy military traffic on road from Gafsa to El Guettar heading east light military traffic on Hy way 4 miles east from El Guettar many tanks on dry lake north & south of El Guettar, no E/A no Flak.	BB	S-2
X	28		Hurricane bombers will be working with us in this phase. Notify troops if possible 2130A.	BB	S-2
X	29	1223	2nd pl. & Bn Rcn reports all is clear nothing to report Bn Rcn will give Rt. when he returns to his C.P.	RCN	S-2
X	30	1227	Early this morning 4 tanks, 1 Armd car with Inf. at T-4484. Contact with enemy now at T-4887. (Derby Yeomanry)	S-2	Obol
X	31	1230	Above msg relayed to the following - 27th FA, Rcn Co. 13th, Rcn. 776th, 2nd Bn. 13th A.R., S-3, Exec. and C/9	S-2	
X	32	1235	3 med. tks. entered Gafsa time not mentioned, heavy military traffic east of Gafsa little traffic south of Gafsa, from British		INTERCEPT
X	33	1250	Reports 10 - 20 Armd Veh. in Chott south of Guettar, 4 tks and 2 A/C were knocked out. They were headed N.E. 1230		INTERCEPT
X	34	1345	Enemy defense line T-4005 to T-3804, 4 enemy tanks and 2 armd cars knocked out by our aircraft in Chott S. of Guettar at noon. 4 vehs. believed hostile at T-5296 and 4 enemy tanks & 1 Armd car at T-5680 at 1245 hrs. Enemy Inf. at T-4205	S-2	All Units 3rd Bn.13
X	35	1347	Enemy defense line reported at T-4005 to T-3804	S-2	RCN
X	36	1300	INTERCEPT - 5 Dugouts & one vehicle dug in on line T-4005 to T-3804, 1 small vehicle towing a gun up to this line approx. 50 men around dugouts appear to be preparing for defense	81st RCN	1st AD
X	37	1347	Enemy defense line reported at T4005 to T3804	S-2	RCN
X	38	1350	2nd reports all clear 3 vehs. & 12 men now reported these have gone into town among houses. They might be camels.	RCN	S-2

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X 39: D18 - A01 Route T-2535 Kef El Hadieb north to Faid & Fondouk
T-2535 light Flak at Faid Pass 5 bursts from U-0550 two or
three trucks going east thru Faid Pass shot up 1 truck T6759, BB S-2
No activity rd. junc. T5267 to Fondouk. No activity Fondouk
area east of Mt. running N & S. thru Faid Pass at T8251, 6
trucks & 4 light tanks appeared dug in.
D19-A010. Attacked column moving south east of Gafsa 12 to
15 tanks seen at Y-1973, not fired on because of terrain. 8
to 10 scattered tanks at Y-1673 and a few dispersed trucks.
1 tank & 1 truck hit & probably damaged. No personnel seen.

X 40: 1350 INTERCEPT - Gun positions on both sides of road at T395046 81st RCN 1st AD
believed to be Italians.

X 41: 1359 10 to 20 hostile tanks & armd cars dispersed along Gafsa
El Guettar rd. near Y-1673 at 1330 hrs. 4 tks. & 2 armd cars S-2 Oboe
hit by our planes, troops also strafed. 5 dug outs & 1
vehicle dug in on line T-4005 to T-3804 towing A/gun up to
this line.

X 42: 1355 INTERCEPT - PMC 10, Advance guard at Y-3501 - 1215A. No
hostile contact 1342 hrs. 81st RCN 1st AD

X 43: 1407 Italian gun positions on either side of rd. at T-5486. All
clear area Y-3501 light flax Faid Pass 12 to 15 tks Y-1973 S-2 RCN-776
and 8 to 10 at Y-1673 RCN-13th 27th FA

X 44: 1413 Gun positions believed Italian on either side of Rd. at
T-5486, all clear area Y3501, light Flax Faid Pass 12 to 15 S-2 Oboe
tks Y-1973 & 8 to 10 at Y-1673

X 45: 1420 Gun positions believed Italian on either side rd. at T5486. S-2 All Units
12 to 15 tks Y1973 & 8 to 10 at Y1673, all clear area Y3501. 3rd Bn.13
Light Flax Faid Pass.

X 46: 1435 INTERCEPT - Advance elements at Map coordinates T-3906 and
T-3605 81st 1st AD

X 47: 1432 Guns positions believed Italian on either side Rd. at T5486,
12 to 15 enemy tks at Y-1973 and 8 to 10 at Y-1673, light Flax
Faid Pass, all clear area Y-3501, Kasserine - Sbeitla- Sidi
Bou Sid, rd. reported clear of mines, enemy defence line G-2
T4005 to T3804. 4 enemy tanks and 2 armd cars knocked out by S-2 1st A.D.
our aircraft or aircraft in Chott S. of Guettar at noon.
4 vehicles believed hostile at T5296. 4 enemy vehicles and 1
armd car at T5680 at 1245 hrs. Enemy Inf. at T4205. Our
area all clear 1430 hrs. Arab states Germans replaced Italians
at Sened & Mahmassy last night.

X 48: 1445 Recon Patrol at 452229, the rest of patrol out of transmitting
range. We will report results as soon as possible. 776th S-2

X 49: 1500 Ten Inf. seen at T-7330 OBOE S-2

X 50: 1506 2 or 3 H/T & 2 or 3 armd cars moving S. last seen at 5780 at
1430 hrs. Darby Yeomanry will see them if movement continues.
I will stay in contact with them. DJ say some of our people
are in position to make contact with them. All clear my OP RCN S-2

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I	51	1530	Reliable source states Dj. Lessouda. clear, found graves. Information reliable.	S-2	1st A.D.
X	52	1620	Mission for tonight - All plts. will man listening posts in thier areas prepared to investigate suspicious noises, U-776th TD Bn Rcn Plats will establish CP area 4826. All plts. will send out peep patrols throughout night along all roads and trails to this assembly area. Such patrols can be manned by different personnel in shifts. Keep in mind activity in area 1810. 2nd Bn 6th Inf. will be working through pass 7230	S-2	RCN
X	53	1620	Situation all quiet	RCN	S-2
X	54	1700	Enemy defence at T4005 to T3804 now reinforced to about 150 men. 3 guns, positions thought to be heavy. Gals have moved to this position & dug guns manned 8 men crews 1615 INTERCEPT	31st	1st AD
X	55	1710	Piper Cub reports no vehicles or activity at Sidi Bou Sid Faid area.	27th	S-2
X	56	1740	2-Plt has another report from the Limy's there are now 4 Armcd Cars on the same road mentioned previously. Regarding these reports they came through other channels. Our troops have not confirmed these reports. One of our friendly MT. in vicinity 4764.	RCN	S-2
X	57	1830	9 trucks & trailers headed east at Y-3362, 2 destroyed. Large scale movement out of gully onto highway & heading SE at Y-3866. Concentration of vehicles, guns, and personnel in area Y-4570. Light military traffic headed south from Y-4164 to Y-4133. Fresh gun positions at Y-3362.	BB	S-2
X	58	1905	Reports from Fox, 19 explosions heard on Faid pass between 0835 and 1035. It is reported for the second time that no mines have been laid on the main road through the Faid Pass and also it was reported that the mines on the road Sidi Bou Sid and ainnebaouy 8559 have been lifted by the enemy, you can draw your own conclusions from this report came from a reliable source. It was confirmed that Gafsa was clear at 1230.	OBOE	S-2
X	59	1930	2nd plts is set up in his night position and am prepared to carry out orders.	RCN	S-2
X	60	2002	Enemy reported to have lifted their mines between Sidi Bou Sid & 8559.	S-2	1st AD
X	61	2340	Nothing to report, situation same	RCN	S-2
X	62	2355	Regimental CT with SA in El Guettar air photos show well organized positions on Djelank Y28 strength unknown Djbuda Y25 Y57 now being organised source El Guettar estimate fairly reliable 2325.	1st AD	S-2

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X	1 0258	Nothing to report, situation same.	Oboe	S-2
X	2 0305	2nd Plat, all clear at 0245 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	3 0400	3rd Plat, all clear at 0345 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	4 0535	Friendly troops are heading your way from here - 2nd plat.	RCN	S-2
X	5 0600	Nothing to report at 0545 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	6 0600	2nd plat. reports all clear at 0545 hrs.	776th RCN	S-2
X	7 0615	3rd plat. reports all clear at 0600 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	8 0710	Situation quiet no enemy activity.	RCN	S-2
X	9 0730	All is clear.	776th	S-2
X	10 0807	All Quiet, nothing to report.	RCN	S-2
X	11 0900	Manard left his side arm with B.S. Manard Daddy rabbit loaned this side arm to Manard.	RCN	S-2
X	12 0900	Nothing to report. Situation unchanged.	RCN	S-2
X	13 0925	Nothing to report.	Oboe	S-2
X	14 0926	Oboe reports all quiet, condition of rd Gafsa Maknassy bad owing to about 6 hrs. rain.	Oboe	S-2
X	15 1010	Situation unchanged all clear proceeding on mission.	RCN	S-2
X	16 1034	Will expect Rt. OP's & approx Rt. patrols will be pushed to contact.	S-2	RCN
X	17 1047	Attention of all units is called to para. 4, Intelligence Annex. No property of prisoners is to be retained by captors. Strict compliance to be enforced.	S-2	All Units
X	18 1128	Draw SW of cactus patch at 8651, defended by estimated Co. of German Inf. with automatic weapons.	S-2	All Units. 1st A.D.
X	19 1140	Nothing to report.	Oboe	S-2
X	20 1130	Rt. C.P. at 4042, OP's at 1st plat. 6728, 2nd 5237, Rt. plate same as yesterday working SE & SW No contact as yet, have communication trouble.	776th	S-2
X	21 1130	Rt. of OP 2nd plat. 6153. Rt. of patrol 1/2 mile east of OP that I gave you they are with Engineers Bcr working on foot 3rd plat OP at 4355. Patrol at 4554. CP Ron Co. 4545.	RCN	S-2
X	22 1210	Where are 2nd and 3rd plates of 776th	S-2	RCN
X	23 1217	3rd plat. possible 1/2 mile N of B all clear. 2nd Pl. has no communication with the CP-4854, 3rd patrol all clear.	RCN	S-2

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24 1220 Rt. of 2nd 6253. Ren S-2

25 1224 ~~2nd~~ 3rd plat. Rt. 4 miles N. of Point 8, point 8 at 5119, 4 mile north of there 5125. RCN S-2

26 1235 My Op's T-756J42 & T576162 & T811J11 & T811R07. My patrols at T750163 moving NE & at T756J68 moving E. at T811M40 moving south and at T811J81 moving SE all OP's & OP's & patrols report no enemy sighted & all clear. S-2 1st AD

27 1315 1st pl. at 6435, 2nd patrol 6253, 3rd. pl. at 4953, 2nd patrol at 6254. RCN S-2

28 1315 1st Pl. Rt. now at 6435, 2nd 6253. RCN S-2

29 1320 3rd pl. position is 5053, Van's men confirm British report that there was still some personnel in our vehicles knocked out in valley. RCN S-2

30 1400 Uncle Walter has returned & has the following reports Rt. pl. 6427. They have OP's and patrol out at present time they are trying to identify 3 unknown soldiers who are on foot one of which is carrying a tommy gun, Rt. 3rd Pl. 4928, who also has OP & Patrols out. Rt. 2nd Pl. 5237 who has a stationary CP at that point. RCN S-2

31 1410 One American vehicle has been investigated & has one American soldier in it. Vans Rt 5254, 776th Bn Rt. Plat 6427. They have OP & patrols at present they are trying to identify 3 soldiers on foot. RCN S-2

32 1415 2nd plat are in town, town is clear but has mines & booby traps, plat is working on the middle route out of town. 3rd plat reports all clear from his OP. RCN S-2

33 1445 One of 2nd plats men stepped on a booby trap but escaped injury. RCN S-2

34 1500 Rt. of 776th Ren 6828, other patrol reached 4117. 776th S-2

35 1505 CP of rival six T666C21 - 0230 Oboe S-2

36 1720 My patrols went through Sidi Bou Sid & through Zaafria to 5354. No enemy seen bbooby traps still in Sidi Bou Sid. Capt. Robert is still in Lassonda as far as I know. Other patrols went to 6327 & drew no fire but visibility poor. A third patrol went from area 3630 to area 4474. This is not precise due to radio trouble. S-2 1st A.D.

37 1727 Rcn Unit of 190 Pz. Abt. expected in area probably around Faid. Prisoner taken near Sidi Bou Sid this morning from 3rd Co. 104th Pz. Gren Regt. 1st AD S-2

38 1835 Re your conversagion with 4th Supply unit. Rcn patrol is missing, not known where last seen. Rcn plat. searching will let you know when definite information is received. 776th S-2

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- X 39 1900 Situation same nothing to report. RCN S-2
- X 40 1904 An armored Ren unit expected in Faïd sector. Prisoner taken S-2 All Units
Sidi Bou Sid this AM. from 104th Ps Gren Regt.
- X 41 1910 No enemy movement 1200 hrs. to 1800 hrs. INTERCEPT 1st AD
- X 42 2000 Situation all quiet - Mission for tonight being carried out. RCN S-2
- X 43 2100 A relay msg from 776th Ren, msg is: Will give you full 776th S-2
particulars on missing vehicles as soon as possible or when plat commander arrives. RCN
- X 44 2200 From Spirit Rose. There is nothing unusual to report & will 776th S-2
give details on vehicles as soon as plat commander arrives. RCN

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	MESSAGE	CRISIS	DISPOSIT
X	1 0105 Spirit Rose informs me to tell you that 1 Sgt. & 2 men were sent to observe highway through pass. Jeep was not observed on highway by our lookout posts. LG & trench mortar fire were heard, at 1430 hrs. observation today did not disclose faith of men or Jeep although observapion was poor & pass was to well obvered by LG fire by our patrols.	RCN	S-2
X	2 0145 Jeep was last seen at T-7230 Jeep was missing 17th March.	776 RCN	S-2
X	3 0300 All Quiet at 0300 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	4 0600 All Quiet at 0530 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	5 0600 1 Bn 104 Pz. Gren. Regt. & possible Regt. believed in area ^{area} is ^{is} spendy .	G-2	S-2
X	6 0615 INTERCEPT - Nothing to report.	Spare 1	1st AD
X	7 0820 Rt CP 4545, Rt our OP 6153, Rt 1st pl. 6153, Plats preparing to move out 5349, 5054, 5054, Rt. 3rd plat 4055, 5054, 5054, nothing to report. No contact with spiritRose yet, can you send two trucks to my Rt. to salvage amm.	RCN	S-2
X	8 0935 1st plat 5237, pioneer plat 7030, Ren plat 4827.	776th	S-2
X	9 0935 Enemy armored car at 4379 at 0830 hrs.	Oboe	S-2
X	10 0930 Rt. 1st plat same as 2nd patrols working forward.	RCN	S-2
X	11 0935 CP at 3842	776th	S-2
X	12 0930 D1 - A02, Recon of Y0781, Y-2272 NE along Y5372, U0107, Y4899, 10 ME's on U0107. A/D 4 trucks headed east at T-0013.	BB	S-2
X	13 0950 Enemy squadrons of planes spotted directly east of our Rt.	776th	S-2
X	14 0950 One of Ren's tanks has a hydrostatic lock & Yeiter requests tools to reduce if from Maint Co. If you send what is necessary to his CP at 462449 he will guide it to tank. Would you have some sap sheets of No. 14, 15, 17, 18, 1/200,000 Tunis sent up with them tonight.	S-2	S-2 S-5
X	15 0952 My Ren-continuing same missions as yesterday, all clear. What news have you?	S-2	1st AD
X	16 1010 3-patrol same, 1-patrol Rt. 6553, Rt OP same all clear.	RCN	S-2
X	17 1105 1st Rt. 6458, rough going 2 air bursts 3 ground-hits from Arty in the pass within last 15 minutes.	RCN	S-2
X	18 1112 Arty fire from east of Faid pass dropping in pass at 1100 hrs	S-2	All Units.
X	19 1116 Arty fire from east of Faid Pass has fallen therein, 2 air bursts and three shells. No enemy activity reported by Ren.	S-2	1st AD
X	20 1158 Enemy truck concentration at T-7245, some trucks headed north, mortars at T-5216, 580 Ren Bn near El Guettar.	S-2	Oboe & RCN 776th

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X	21	1215	Situation unchanged, nothing to report.	RCN	S-2
X	22	1202	Truck concentration reported at T-7245, mortars reported at T-5216, 580 Ren Dn. reported near El Guettar.	S-2	All Units
X	23	1259	Push Patrols faster, where is 3rd plnt. patrols. Glamour Boy has gone.	S-2	RCN
X	24	1240	Direct to T-8844 Ren 20 to 25 trucks headed southeast on rds T-6455 to T-9338 at T-8640 area saw slit trenches & fox holes unoccupied at T-8128 10 more in slit trenches noting seen at T-8844.	EB	S-2
X	25	1240	All Ren 0945A of the following area T-6551 T-8941, T-9526, 20 to 25 trucks headed SE on the road Sidi Bou Sid to T-9338 seem to have come from Sidi Bou Sid at T-8640 slit trenches. 4 CP motor unoccupied at T-8128, 10 more seen in slit trenches, no activity seen at T-8844.	1st A.D.	S-2
X	26	1255	3rd plnt patrols at 5356, Van has not yet finished his work that he was doing last night. Mac can only move fast as the Engrs. move.	RCN	S-2
X	27	1310	1st Patrol at 6655, 1 burst in pass O.P. reports all clear	RCN	S-2
X	28	1358	Still all clear	S-2	1st AD
X	29	1400	All clear, 1st Rt same, communication bad, 3rd nothing to report.	RCN	S-2
X	30	1435	El Guettar reported clear of enemy	S-2	All Units
X	31	1500	Green has been here looking around for Sally he may pass me using the same route that Simms will use & go by your CP & Spirit Rose CP also going to where they were supposed to go the other day.	RCN	S-2
X	32	1523	My patrol near Sidi Bou Sid delayed by very thick mine fields. Patrol location 6556, all clear.	S-2	1st AD
X	33	1535	Spirit Rose nothing to report patrols same no contact with enemy.	RCN	S-2
X	34	1540	Valley in vicinity of T-403071 is unsuitable for anything but peeps.	RCN	S-2
X	35	1550	Request Ren of following area this afternoon & same mission reported at first light tomorrow. 1st Priority area bordered T-8060, T8575, D0565, T7535. 2nd priority area Pichon, Fon-Douk, Kairouan, Hadjeb El Aioun.	S-2	BB
X	36	1600	Change of mission for one of your pl. Push a patrol across rd to east running from 7052 to 7033 at about 74. If you draw fire stop.	S-2	776th
X	37	1600	Most of 5th Div is lost (18,000 dead), all of 75th JAGER, 5th Artillery and 56th JAGER (lost). Meeting at 2100 Div believed to be start of new party broken up. Additional police sent to Norway. 4 Nazi off. put family's in neutral countries.		

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- X 38 1630 OP #2 at 6555 also 3 bursts of arty in pass about 30 min. ago RCN S-2
- X 39 1640 More arty bursts in Faid Pass otherwise all clear. S-2 1st AD
- X 40 1642 Can you put a plat in position to poop a few on hill at 8348 and 8345. S-2 RCN
- X 41 1707 Active enemy air Rcn over passes at T-5017 and T-7330. UCH61 wise all clear could I have copy of report mentioned para. 2b S-2 1st AD
Sitrep 18th Mar.
- X 42 1710 OP at 5634 reports active enemy air Rcn in passes east & south of his position. 776th S-2
- X 43 1727 All clear here there is some firing to our rear approx 2 miles maybe test firing, 1st plat. RCN S-2
- X 44 1815 Dennis is where firing was coming from but could not locate person or persons doing the firing. RCN S-2
- X 45 1935 Nothing to report, patrols out S.O.P. RCN S-2
- X 46 2012 Have you seen P-38 Type aircraft late today? Open cuctation. BB S-2
Coulash Close Quotation, expedite your answer. Important.
- X 47 2017 Reply to Msg. 2012, NO S-2 BB
- X 48 2130 Bug you sent out to cross a certain road has bogged down in the mud after reaching 6040 and will carry on tomorrow morning. 776th S-2
What is score on radio deal with the field marshalls boy Uncle Walt.
- X 49 2400 All clear, nothing to report. RCN S-2

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NO	TIME	MESSAGE		
X	1 0300	All clear 1st & 3rd platoons.	RCN	S-2
X	2 0310	Everything clear, no aircraft sighted 0300 hrs.	776th	S-2
X	3 0600	All clear 1st & 3rd platoons.	RCN	S-2
X	4 0745	Heavy shelling for a short period south of their position.	776th	S-2
X	5 0840	Shelling originated approx 6 mi SE of 4827 around 5219.	RCN	S-2
X	6 0900	All clear, situation quiet, nothing to report. 1st pl. proceeding on mission.	RCN	S-2
X	7 0900	Enemy hold Pass T-3905. Station Gened occupied with OP line Y-4097 to Y-4195. No enemy movement Faid - Sidi rd, yesterday ridge T-7428 held by enemy arty. Fire coming from six miles SW of T-4827, at 0830 hrs. Today, 20 hostile tanks and 2 blind cars, reported vicinity T-40062, 2180 hrs. last night. Btry 88's reported at Y-2969. Large Calibre gun T-341073.	S-2	All units Derby Yco.
X	8 0910	1st pl. reports OP #2 all clear. Rt. 1st pl. 6754.	RCN	S-2
X	9 0925	D9-403 recon of area U-0108 no enemy activity observed at 0845 hrs.	BB	S-2
X	10 0940	1st pl. reports 3 bursts hostile arty in Faid.	RCN	S-2
X	11 0950	Have 3 rds at all points, we are being delayed by impassable roads hold all vehicles except tanks.	776th	S-2
X	12 1016	1 patrol going east toward T-665P30, another to cross roads at approx T-545R13, a third to high ground at T-637R75, other OP's & patrols unchanged. No enemy activity reported rds. From Faid to Sidi to Maknassy clear of vehicles, 3 bursts hostile arty Faid pass 0940 hrs.	S-2	1st AD
X	13 1020	We are picking roases at 785455 & 785490. Enemy OP at 3902 received 2 direct hits.	RCN RCN 776	S-2
X	14 1020	Rds. from Faid pass to Sidi Bou Sid to Maknassy as far as Pass including entire local valley observed from 0920 to 0940 hrs. No enemy activity, Visibility good for 12 miles and fair for 18 miles.	Oboe 27th	27-FA S-2
X	15 1037	Our Ron going toward 7959 and across rod. at 7040 and to high ground at 6025, other Ren unchanged.	Oboe	S-2
X	16 1020	8 unidentified planes on A/D at U-0108 heavy accurate Flax over U-0207 and at Y-7595.	BB	S-2
X	17 1045	Have located a Stukka Bomber a few miles SE 7040.	RCN	S-2
X	18 1048	A Stukka Bomber down a few miles east of 7040 guarded by enemy. My patrol trying to take over. More precise location will follow.	S-2	1st AD
X	19 1037	Rcn of Y-0681, Y2273 and east to foothills & N. to T7908 at Y3474, 20 Germans & 5 trucks biv, a patrol & 8 vah at T5502	BB	S-2

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X 20 1115 Plane is 500 yds. east of 7040. 776th S-2

X 21 1115 Plane 500 yds. SE of T-7040 S-2 1st AD

X 22 1130 1st pl. 7040, 2nd pl. 5237, 3rd pl. 4826, prep pl. 7028. 776th S-2

X 23 1115 One pl. at destination 7028, the pass was bombed by allied planes at 0130 hrs. There are Italian troops in area, more information will come and the pl. will find our information probably further south. 776th S-2

X 24 1211 Italian troops in area T-7027 all other Rcn reports all clear. S-2 1st AD

X 25 1212 We are trying to jump crashed Stukka & guard 500 yds. east of 7040 following positions of our pls. at 1118 hrs. 7044, 7044, 5230, 4826, 3028. Obce S-2

X 26 1155 INTERCEPT - Enemy minefield position T-3805 Italian Teller 81st used Italian mines placed end to end on rows of two or three Rcn 1st AD

X 27 1240 German transmission on frequency S1 point E between S1 point E. between S1 point O. 776th S-2 TD

X 28 1245 INTERCEPT - Minefield at T-3705 is about 150 yds wide & seems to have been hastily laid. No booby traps found there. Tank tracks indicate that two tanks had been in the area T-404064 recently. 81st Rcn 1st AD

X 29 1300 INTERCEPT - Our Rcn vicinity T-418J49 reports Arabs say enemy only around Sened Station & Paknassy. 6th Inf 1st AD

X 30 1337 Mines & booby traps in Grove at T-7055. What news have you for me. S-2 1st AD

X 31 1339 OP #1 reports all clear at 1337. No. 2 OP all clear 1st pl. Rcn S-2

X 32 1340 Company AQ Italian seen at 6728 at 1245 hrs. 776th S-2

X 33 1345 40 Italian soldiers seen at T-6728 at 1245 hrs. S-2 1st AD

X 34 A02 Recon over T-6455, T-8059, T-6595, T-8597, T-0565, T-9053 T-7535. Intense ground fire & light Flak from T-9070. Abandoned BB airport T-8068. Runways plowed up light accurate Flak just east of pass at T-8059. S-2

X 35 We heard no firing where you reported it, also 30 Italians at T-6628. OBOE S-2

X 36 1315 Platoon in position at 6052 heard firing est. 50 cal. at this point. Rcn S-2

X 37 1415 3rd platoon reports everything all clear. Rcn S-2

X 38 1335 INTERCEPT - patrols same location except patrolling east of Sidi Bou Sid, no enemy movement seen or heard. 1st AD

X 39 1345 INTERCEPT - One unidentified aircraft at very high altitude over area at 1330 hrs. 6th Inf 1st AD

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X	40	1355	INTERCEPT - No enemy observed in areas T-4005, T-4001, T-4405 at 1314 hrs.	81st	1st AD
X	41	1400	INTERCEPT - Our Rcn reports, no activity observed at either end of Rt. 8 between 1100hrs. and 1300 hrs. Do you have any information concerning points 24, 25, 26, or 27?	6th Inf.	1st AD
X	42	1406	INTERCEPT - What is condition of roads & ground for cross country, move in your area rush answer, Ack. 1305.	1st A.D.	3-Bn 13th
X	43	1441	INTERCEPT - So far have located enemy minefields between T-378042, T-390058, mines 2 and 3 deep on this line.	81st	1st AD
X	44	1445	Crashed plane cannot be at ref. 7040 as we have sent patrol there and found nothing.		
X	45	1432	Arrange telephone communications with me, Ack. knowledge.	CCA	3-Bn 13th
X	46	1550	Several explosions seen & heard in vicinity Faid pass 1st Rt. 6758 very slow going.	RCN	S-2
X	47	1530	INTERCEPT - Enemy minefields of both Italian & Teller mines at T-3950, 70 mines laid on top of the ground. 3 IE 109's circled area at 1525 hrs. at high altitude but did not attack.	6th Inf.	1st AD
X	48	1605	INTERCEPT - Enemy mine field at T382030, extent not known at this time.	81st Rcn	1st AD
X	49	1607	One Btry F.A. 200 yds. east of Station De Sened another to south thereof.	S-2	RCn & 776 27th FA 2-Bn 13th All Units
X	50	1610	Enemy minefields at T-382030. Extent not known.	S-2	
X	51	1620	D-11 AO-10 - Escort 25S attacking A/D at 2-0556 many SE aircraft on A/D in revetments. Half this dispersal area covered by bursts. Moderate Flak over target. Heavy & light Flak at Y-3577, 10 enemy trucks seen headed SE out of Y-3577 to E/A	BB	S-2
X	52	1640	17 Italians taken at T-4401, 1400 hrs. P.W. reports enemy Btry in position south of pass at T-4401. INTERCEPT	81st Rcn	1st AD
X	53	1715	Pass taken Americans move south, 17 Italians taken prisoners arty SE of Pass, est. strength one Btry, OP being est. approx. 4401. 7 A. cars moving into Sened from E. at 1645 hrs. 5 enemy vehicles moving into Sened from W. One vehicle watched by large group of men. 16 unidentified vehicles moving into Sened from W. at 1700 hrs.	OBOE	S-2
X	54	1750	Hostile plane destroyed as ordered, all quiet here.	S-2	1st AD
X	55	1750	Pass at 5004 clear of enemy. 17 Italians taken prisoners. Hostile arty SE pass est. strength one btry, 7 A. cars entering Sened from E. other vehicles entering Sened from I & W. identified.	S-2	All Units

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X	56	1830	0700 hrs. adv. 60 CT from foothills into T-se. CE. 1000 hrs. 60CE S-2 2nd column 60CT T-3532. 3rd column 60CT T-3804. 1st column 60 CT nearing T-3501, 1930 hrs. Fwd ele of this reached T-9792 & were fired on by arty from St Sened and halted 60CT T-3902, 3rd column 60CT T-0370, 1 tank 60CT T-3570 moving to T-3802, 1st column 60CT T-419C, shelling reported from St. Sened instead of at T-4587. From possibly one arty. No opposition encountered 1300 hrs. 2 ME's came over from north toward Gafsa. Appreciation no large enemy outpost N. of line TRE. At what time will you be wearing your hat.		
X	57	1845	D13 - AO-12 - Recon of T-6595 and O-8316, 10 trucks moving east at O-7505, no other observation. BB S-2		
X	58	2035	Crashed Spitfire at 6235 is being guarded by Rcn Co. 776th TD. You have reported 2 Spitfires in case of 6235. Rcn Co. 776th has been sent thru channels to I st Corps, will you advise us what action to take if Rcn Co. 776th TD are ordered from that area or will you take over custody of plane.		
X	59	2310	My friends 6233 reported that several vehicles have been passing here going SW. I presume that you will know who they are will contact you at 2400 hrs. 60CE S-2		
X	60	2320	Rt. of CP 4545, Engr. 4545, 1st 452, 2nd 4349, 3rd 4545. RCN S-2		
X	61	2320	Rt. of 776th CP at 4727. 776th S-2		
X	62	1937	D-14 AO-13 Recon Y-2273 to Y-6296 observation trucks & personnel in Wadi north of highway at Y-3276. No activity Y4580, Y8598 or on roads vicinity Y7398 or at Y6594. 4 JU 87 escorted by 8-10 ME 109's seen over Y-0680. 6 ME's engaged in combat 2 ME's damaged, 1 spitfire missing. BB Moon S-2		
X	63	2300	Map substitutes series IS 4 and MS 7. Have been issued to all units their use for planning and small unit operation is strongly recommended. 1st AD All Units.		
	64		Left Dj. Hafey at 2030 hrs.		

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X	1 0030	2 minefields 078800 approx. 150 yds. apart both project west of road marking poor, wire need repair, road believed clear, there are no guides south Faid, caught cycle 1338, rider believed seriously hurt.	1st A.D.	S-2
X	2 0250	Prisoner identified 50th Span Brig on our front which is composed of 9th, 12th, 18th Bersaglieri, 48th Italian Engr. are said to be in Sened laying mines.	1st AD	S-2
X	3 0305	Nothing to report, all quiet 0300 hrs.	776th	S-2
X	4 0315	1st pl. all clear, 2nd pl. all clear, at 0300 hrs.	RCM	S-2
X	5 0600	Have advanced just beyond point mentioned in last msg. into another field now appears to be hastily executed. However, can see tents pitched near by attempting to push on and make contact with enemy. INTERCEPT.	CC A	1st AD
X	6 0605	Nothing to report all clear at 0600 hrs.	RCM	S-2
X	7 0700	Enemy mine fields located at T317H44, T614H35 and T916U34. Path cleared thru first two and we are working on 614H at T816U33 evidence of hasty withdrawal 0635 hrs. INTERCEPT	CC A	1st AD
X	8 0702	No enemy activity observed up to now. INTERCEPT	6th Inf.	1st AD
X	9 0716	Our patrols 1/2 mile past point 10, now proceeding toward point 1 request you can talk to 3. To notify our friend our friend on left so he will not fire on them. INTERCEPT	CC A	1st AD
X	10 0720	Am close, am needing some Maint. using supply units.	RCM	S-2 Maint.
X	11 0800	Request immediate Recon area T-7030, to Maknassy particularly Wadi T-7319 to U-1018, thence back via T-6010, T-6020, T-7030	S-2	Air Group
X	12 0745	Report location your CP INTERCEPT	1st AD	6th Inf.
X	13 0753	Vehicles heard moving northeast from vicinity Y-4995. INTERCEPT	CC A	1ST AD
X	14 0755	INTERCEPT - Column of enemy vehicles moving east of St. Sened at 0740 hrs.	81st	1st AD
X	15 0821	One officer & 20 men Italian tanken prisoner this morning at 0820 hrs. INTERCEPT	Inf. 6th	1ST A.D.
X	16 0821	Our CP moving will report as soon as bivouaced. Ans:- Rcm has already been asked for. INTERCEPT	CC A	1st AD
X	17 0745	INTERCEPT - Command post now at T418W36.	6th Inf	1st AD
X	18 0800	Do you have any of your people about 2 miles Northeast of Pt. 20. Ans:- Yes. INTERCEPT	1st AD	6th Inf.
X	19 0832	McQuillan occupying stations Sened. Have advised to advance but not to go past rd. Pt. 19, E, Y. Look out for flanks & don't get sucked in. Keep us informed. INTERCEPT	1st AD	6th Inf.

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x	20	0846	Enemy minefields located at T-525046 and two at Y078800 approx 150 yds apart, fields poorly marked trucks and personnel in Wadi N. of hwy at Y3276. Prisoners taken from 50th Spec. Brig composed of 9th, 10, 12th, Bersagliere 48th Italian Engr, said to be laying mines in Sened Column of enemy vehicles moving east from Sened Station at 0740 hrs., others moving N.E. from Y-4995. Italian officer 20 men taken prisoner this AM station Sened clear of enemy at 0832.	S-2	All Units
x	21		Push reinforced reconnaissance east also reconnoitre Sened and vicinity. INTERCEPT	1st AD	CC A
x	22	0900	Send radio car & light tanks for Ren to me if possible. INTERCEPT		1st AD
x	23	0940	OP - 6007 T6098, Reconnaissance east of Sened.	S-2	S-2
x	24	0920	Large tent camp & 100 vehicles area T-9905, U-1015, U-0203, T-9903, at 1100 hrs. 20 March 19 JU 88's on Mezzouna landing ground.	1st AD	All Units
x	25	1006	Large tent camp & 100 vehicles area T-9905, 9903, U-1015, 0203, at 1100 hrs. 20 March, 19 JU 88's on Mezzouna landing ground 0900 hrs.	S-2	All Units
x	26	1055	Accuracy in Map Template readings will be stressed 1/100,000 map will be used in accurate reports are confusing all units	1ST AD	All Units
x	27	1007	Terrain vicinity T-427037 soft but passable, travel slow.	1st AD	81st RCM
x	28	1033	D-3 A101 Recon over T-6595, O-8002, T-8265, no activity road south from O-8316. Weather - ground fog in valleys.	BB	S-2 Moon
x	29	1037	Your entire command will move to T-5505 at once. ACK. INTERCEPT		CCA
x	30	1130	No movement in this area as far as Paid pass observed by Piper Cub.	27th FA	S-2
x	31	1210	You may release guards on the spitfire Georgia is sending service troops to it, we do not want it destroyed.	1st AD	S-2
x	32	1220	13 men seen in area T-7427 and have gone in wadi.	Oboe	S-2
x	33	1201	Enemy vehicles & troops moving SE from area Y-57, AT guns pointed west at Y5668 in gullies and ridges AA guns Y-5868, and Y5668. Enemy vehicles moving SE from Y3466. Troops seen at Y5868 and trucks moving east at Y0950 to Y4358.	S-2	All Units
x	34	1201	All Units must report locations of Forward elements promptly and with regularity during movements to prevent friendly Arty fire from falling on our own troops.	1st AD	All Units
x	35	1300	Request immediate Recon Sq. T72 ACK.	S-2	Air Group
x	36	1310	The lame bird is at Ref. 7133, it has its friends with him and they are looking at his feathers.	Oboe	S-2

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x	37	1310	Unknown type plane with American markings strafed our troops vicinity S-4129 about 1034 hrs. This date friendly recon. in BB that area no enemy ground for sometime.	BB	S-2
x	38	1346	D11 A106, Escort mission of bombing U-0207, airdrome, encountered 20 JU 87's and 8/10 LE 109's 4 JU 87 destroyed, 4 JU 87 damaged. 2 LE 109's damaged. 1 spitfire missing.	BB	MOON S-2
x	39	1358	30 to 40 trucks dug in wadi in rectangle formed by T-3970 to Y5372 on N of rd. S thereof two supply dumps at Y-5067 and Y-4570. Arty on N. slope of hill at Y-2263 activity on N. slopes of hill Y-5253 to Y-6253.	S-2	All Units.
x	40	1100	Map template ref. holes 319 724 658 - Map tilt angle zero effective 22 March 0001 hrs.	1st AD	All Units
x	41	1307	D-10 A05 - Escort for bombardment of airdrome at Z-0756. formed by Y-3970 to Y-5372 on N of rd. S thereof two supply dumps at Y-5067 and Y-4570. Arty on N. slope hill at Y-2263 activity on N. slopes hill Y-5253 to Y-6253.	BB	MOON S-2
x	42	1412	D-12 A07 - Escort for bombardment of airdrome at Z-0756. Heavy moderate flax over target. Large fires seen in target area. 1 LE 109 attacked 1 spitfire missing. last seen Y-4080 The LE 109 is probably destroyed.	BB	MOON S-2
x	43	1425	NR 5 Disapproved.	BB	Bifence S-2
x	44	1450	Our line attacked by 15 Heinkel fighters and fighter escorts at 1440 hrs. Gafsa attacked by 4 LE 109's.	House- Paid	BB S-2
x	45	1340	Arabs report no Germans in Laknassy only Italians. They say all Germans vicinity Faïd & Sidi Bou Sid. INTERCEPT	6th Inf	1st AD
x	46		5 Italian prisoners captured this morning vicinity St. Sened They were from 2nd Btry 20mm AA. They had been sent out on a patrol when they returned to their bivouac they found every one gone and were captured in their outfit there were no Germans or Germans officers.	CCA	1st AD
x	47	1415	All their orders came thru the Italian high command. Other identifications of units that evacuated is 6 Gruppo matlegren Aosta.	CCA	1st AD
x	48	1430	Wadi 4/10 mile east of 255095 rough but passable. remainder of last 2 miles sandy flat and CK.	RCN	S-2
x	49	1520	Our Ren one mile this side of T-916467. No enemy activity observed 1510 hrs. INTERCEPT	6th Inf	1st AD
x	50	1522	Our forward elements at T-503165	61st Rec	1st AD
x	51		13 enemy Inf. reported earlier have gone into foothills T-6622 are seen at T-7230 reports nothing in observation is good to T-8026, not possible to see area T-763344. Local inhabitants appear very excited and reported 7234 and 7235 strongly held. unidentified figures seen on road moving NE nothing else. some mines at T-7990. No movements at T-ESEA - T-FX10 by neighbors.	OBOE	S-2

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X	52	1546	I am with McQuillen he will transmit this show more drive continues on LAKNASSY tomorrow. Keep CP closer to front. Patton	CC A	1st AD
X	53	1550	INTERCEPT - Our Forward elements have reached 6216 and are moving now toward Y-693K11, no contact.	6th Inf.	1st AD
X	54	1630	ly forward element at 4405.	Rcn	S-2
X	55	1648	Forward elements at T-816C07, INTERCEPT.	81st	1st AD
X	56	1627	From 8.5 to 9.7 mile rough and sandy but flat. & firm 7 to 10 miles slow going but possible lack of guides also.	RCN	S-2
X	57	1665	Look for our advanced elements coming from northward your advanced elements. INTERCEPT	6th Inf	81st
X	58	1710	Head of Column closed on Chimney, 2nd pl. is finding a route to the left. Do you understand leading elements. Intercept	RCN	S-2
X	59	1810	INTERCEPT - Our column attack by seven enemy aircraft 1740 hrs. damage if any uncertain one enemy plane damaged.	6th Inf	1st AD
X	60	1758	D-17 - A012 Escort mission to U-0207, 4 FW 190's seen near T-7908, 5 miles south east of T-7908, 2 howitzers positions and 6 trucks strafed, one truck destroyed and others damaged.	BB	Moore S-2
X	61	1805	INTERCEPT - Location of our forward elements T-517F65 and T-912T29.	CCA	1st AD
X	62	1818	Two Howitzer positions T-7908.	S-2	All Units.
X	63	1940	Rt. 520092, halted to assemble along in vicinity #95080, guides posted for you a Company of 81st Rcn at #95080, Baker Rcn, 81st Rcn 515090. The 81st plans to move on forward advise re my Rt. for tonight.	RCN	S-2
X	64	1942	Arty fire vicinity 8008, also 1 pl. Co. 81st Rcn have Lt. at 7418 am concerned about plans for tonight.	RCN	S-2
X	65	1945	1 Pl. B Co. has reached a position at 8008, which has been evacuated by the enemy. Arty is believed enemy landing near.	RCN	S-2
X	66	1948	ly Rt. 520092, halted to assemble my Co. David Long in vicinity #95080.	RCN	S-2
X	67	2140	Rt. CP 5209. Plts. moved out 2130 hrs.	RCN	S-2
X	68	2005	Point 14 guns and personnel destroyed by planes. INTERCEPT	CCA	1st AD
X	69	2005	INTERCEPT - Forward elements now at 7809, 7318 and 7116 at 1900 hrs.	81st	1st AD
X	70	2030	Re your msg 1830 hrs. Request confirmation on following location of Bates at 7700 and 6595 also re msg 1605 hrs. the location of 6th Inf. at 6216 also re msg 1550 hrs. Request clarification of the following as of midnight change to 2603. 1 CCC tank just pass and they said that CCC was forward.	RCN	S-2

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PLACE ON THE MOVE

DATE 22ND MARCH 1943

IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0120	1st pl. 6409, according to 2nd pl. calculating the Arty fire is coming from Laknassy, 3rd plat. at 6118.	RCN	S-2
x		2	0259	25 trucks moving east toward 2-3132 between Y-6367 to Y-5363 in vicinity of Y-3764 to Y-4364, 5 truck loads of personnel in gullies much, light flak in this area on both sides of road	House- Laid	Bigfence S-2
x		3	0300	Recn patrol reports tracer fire seen east of 4403 flares of a red flashy nature and seen east of 4408.	776th	S-2
x		4		I contacted CG C at 6510, the idea early this morning was that the town was clear is false. The arty reported this afternoon was our own. CCC & Ren 13th both recommend that the position of 2nd and 3rd & 1st be transmitted to CCC at all times. This is of utmost importance.	RCN	S-2
x		5	0350	Rt. 1st 6608, Rt. 2nd 6510, Rt. 3rd 6432, Rt. CP 520092. All plts. are moving 1st reports that the terrain from 520092 to 6608 has been favorable some soft spots but will carry the load.	RCN	S-2
x		6	0425	1st reports continuous arty shelling in vicinity 'aknassy' & to pass to the east from occasional muzzle blast and from sound. One enemy gun to the east of the town exact location not yet known. Take 42 to 45 seconds from firing to landing of shell.	RCN	S-2
x		7	0425	Gun flashes & IG fire reported at 1-8030 and at around 0130 hrs.	1st AD	All Units
x		8	0440	2nd pl. M.E. 2 or 3 miles of last position, 3rd plat moving S. to 6418 and then N. towards 7514.	RCN	S-2
x		9	0510	Give me 2nd bn & 776th Rts	S-2	RCN
x		10	0530	We are placing fire on roads north and east of point 9. Warn your people. INTERCEPT	6th Inf.	1st A.D.
x		11	0538	Rts of Ren Co. & Plts. CP - 5409, 1st 7007, 2nd 7315, 3rd 6718.	S-2	2nd Bn 6th Inf
x		12	0543	Rts of Ren Co. & Plts. CP - 5409, 1st 7007, 2nd 7315, 3rd 6718	S-2	13th AR 2nd Bn
x		13	0625	3rd plat reports 2 flashes in a pass and have gave coordinates Just saw another flash in that area and wish to know if Spirit Rose is taking over.	RCN	S-2
x		14	0625	Rt of Spirit Rose 5110, Spirit Rose blossoms are forward of us	776th	S-2
x		15	0630	INTERCEPT - No activity observe for last 3 hrs. at Pt. 5 T-0605	6th Inf	1st AD
x		16	0648	Rt 1st Plt. 7508, 2nd pl. 7613, 3rd pl. 7814. There is one peep at the following location 6605. Rt. Spirit Rose 5110	RCN	S-2
x		17	0708	Location of plts of Ren Co. 1st 7508, 2nd 7613, 3rd 7814. 776th location 5110.	S-2	All Units

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IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		18		Essential elements of information which localities are held by Italians which by Germans where is <u>adi passabile</u> , impassable, where can be made passable where by passes exist is bridge at T-785135 destroyed does enemy hold high ground at T-8908 to T-8695 at T-7126, T-1923, where are of 14 and another guns where are tanks 0030 hrs.	1st AD	S-2
x		19	0700	Aerial photos taken 20 March show approx 70 weapons pits from T-780074 to T-780060, weapons pits unoccupied emplacements at T-790066 at T-770404, For msg at T-770665, 5 placements probably for msg at T700070, approx 12 small W shaped trenches at T-810058, 2 weapon pits at T-816060, 4 heavy gun btry positions unoccupied, 2 MG positions 1 each side of road at T-758064.	1st AD	All Units
x		20	0752	Maknassy reported 1000 of enemy by 25th PzK watch for mines and booby traps.	S-2	All Units.
x		21	0756	Rt. 3rd 7417, CP 646035, Rt. 1st 7208, 2nd 7814, started to move SW where we spotted 2 armd cars one towing a small AT gun going north on road from Maknassy to Sidi Bou Sid. 1 Armd car at 7716, the other at 7917 he is firing on them	RCN	S-2
x		22	0807	Can you put Tripod in Ren net.	S-2	2-Bn 13th
x		23	0803	Reconnitre to see how far up the road toward FYGMY, you can go without using the road. Speaking of road toward Maknassy	Div	CCA
x		24	0707	RH01 Accomplished	BB	S-2
x		25	0807	D-1 AO-1 Recon of C-8316, T-8059 area, no activity on roads around C-8316. Nothing east side of Grand Dorsal from T-8059. No traffic from east into T-8059. 15 to 20 trucks dispersed both sides of T-8052. Road through T-8059 seems to h ve been travelled recently road from T-8052 to T-6455 empty.	BB	S-2
x		26	0855	Prisoner taken from 2nd Co. Dulissimo Regt. at T-7814 at 0830 hrs. says no Germans in hills behind Maknassy.	S-2	1st AD
x		27	0908	1st & 3rd platoons at 7527	776th	S-2
x		28	0835	Report patrol locations and situation at once.	1st AD	CCA-3 81st RCN
x		29	0840	Our advanced elements have occupied Ren pushing NE & SE. One Italian prisoner taken at 9. advanced elements are not in contact. No resistance have been encountered.	81st	1st AD
x		30	0923	Prisoner states 3 Bns of Inf in vicinity of 8804 yesterday, also two large cannons, claims guns are 105mm & Inf of 51st Regt.	S-2	1st AD
x		31	0915	D-3, AC3 - Ren of U-3538, U-3525 north to U-2570. No enemy activity observed except bivouac area at T-3530.	BB	Moon S-2
x		32	0950	Photo mission in P-1231 area. No photos taken due to overcast no movement seen.	BB	Moon

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INOUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 33	1010	Artillery fire on our tanks from draw at 7919.	S-2	27th FA
x 34	1015	Enemy gun position at 8120.	S-2	27th FA
	1055	Relay to Speedy holding force which is now between Maknassy & Mezzouma included 2nd Bn, 92nd Inf 1 Bn Bersagliere with M/C at least 22 FD guns. 12 - 14 ton tanks all Italian & about one Co. German Engrs. mining observed at Pass T-8813. During Italian withdrawal enemy transport badly disorganized, small groups have retreated on horses.	S-2	Ren 776 Ren 13th 27th FA 1st AD
	1055	88, 804, Recon U-0207 area at 0900a, 25 FW-190 & 2 JU 88's & 10 Gliders on airdrome at U-0309, 2 FW-190's shot down on take. 1 Spitfire missing down at T-9298.	BB	Moan S-2
	1059	Enemy arty at 7917, 8221 and 8120 and 7910.	S-2	1st AD
x 38	1040	Vehicles park observed at bend of wadi ref. T-8221. Some veh. there now.	S-2	27th FA
x 39	1100	Reported in Maknassy that they were strafed & bombed by 2 JU 87's.		
x 40	1105	CP same, 3 rd same 7612, 2nd plct. 7511, 1st pl. regarding enemy activity previously reported at 7917 & 8120 and 8221, friendly activity reported at 7917 and 8221 can that be used by friends.	Ren	S-2
x 41	1112	Ly Ren reports no activity on high ground east of Maknassy. Could the batteries I reported be friendly. Advise please what news have you.	S-2	1st AD
x 42	1115	Continuous flow of vehicles from 7917 to 8221.	S-2	1st AD
x 43	1118	Continuous flow of vehicles from 7917 to 8221. No activity high ground east of Maknassy.	S-2	All Units
x 44	1145	Arty fire falling 7418, two tanks seen 7818, probably hostile thinks arty and howitzer coming from approx. 7971.	S-2	All Units
x 45	1150	Enemy arty shelling wadi area 7319 also 2 tanks in view at 7818. Tks. unidentified guns, sound like howitzer, flashes not visible, sound like coming from area 7971.	RCN	S-2
x 46	1203	Enemy H/T at 785115, armd cars at 715959 and one 8wheeled armd car 770290. You can draw your own clusions.	Ren	S-2
x 47	1203	We are looking at 2 vehicles in position at 7527. Enemy H/T at 785115. Armd cars at 715950. one 8 wheeled armd car 770290	Oboe	S-2
x 48	1213	Spitfire crashed landed at T-5214. American pilot safe here guard posted on plane. Wire instructions at once.	S-2	1st AD
x 49	1207	Arty fire in and from N. of Maknassy pass. Also falling along wadi at 7481. two tanks seen 7818. Some fire thought coming from T-7971. Thorough aerial scan of our segment made by lone enemy plane at 1155 h's.	S-2	1st AD

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X	50	1135	Report enemy attack by place number of places and time immediately after attack takes place.	1st AD	All Units
x	51	1140	Report location of forward Rcn elements without delay.	1st AD	All Unit
x	52	1143	2 JU88 dropped 10 bombs on CP at Maknassy at 1100 hrs.	6th Inf	1st AD
x	53	1130	For your information, friendly patrol moving to Sidi Bou Sid.	1st AD	All Units
x	54	1235	Still observing vicinity 8510 and high ground east of Maknassy.	RCN	S-2
x	55	1250	Mining town at T-7917 appears to be a concentration area and supply point for enemy.	S-2	1st AD
x	56	1205	D13 - Our planes being fired upon by our troops all morning, one plane lost, pilot killed. Operative that troops and commanders be notified that spitfires and P-39's are not enemy.	BB	Moon S-2
x	57	1210	D1 - AQ 4 - 4 PW's destroyed at U-9009 instead of 2. Flux in vicinity Y-7087, Y-9095, T-9003. Scattered troops at Y-8065 to Y-8080. Few tanks & trucks near hospital at T-9003 were strafed.		Moon S-2
x	58	1245	2nd pl. has observed several vehicles coming down the road from the mining town at 7917. He thinks they are trucks. An Orhid officer wants to report bridge at 7813 is still intact, there RCN is a crater at our end, but enough rocks to fill it are close by.		S-2
x	59		D-14 any unidentified camouflaged tanks seen from Y-8590 to M-7572.	BB	Moon S-2
x	60	1315	Rt. 1st plat at 6525, 3rd pl. at 7331. Area 7331 reported clear.	776th	S-2
x	61	1242	2 - 75's at T-7427 at 1100 hrs. 5 hostile tanks and 50 men seen in pass T-7826 at 1130 hrs. 10 hostile tanks headed west at T-8225 followed by estimated 10 of Inf. at 1130 hrs.	S-2	All Units
x	62	1310	3- pl. 7316, other Rts same in regards to wadi from 7315 to 7318 it is not crossable from 7318 N. & E it is general crossable. Our arty is pounding enemy position as far side of mine at 7917 and their guns are no longer firing. The 81st Rcn lost approx 12 peddles in vicinity 7415 during the 1st Arty Berrage. What can be done about it. One of 3rd patrols investigated to find that 4 peddles have been reclaimed but there are more peddles than hoses to take care of them.	RCN	S-2
x	63	1320	High ground east of Maknassy all quiet the pass at 8510 is used as entrance and exit for Stukkas.	RCN	S-2
x	64	1320	Rcn 13th AR reports 4 men, 1 Officer, and vehicles of 81st Rcn stranded and possibly injured at T-7415 notify Hcy.	S-2	1st AD
x	65	1322	Remainder of company at 7222.	776th	S-2
x	66	1325	High ground E. Maknassy all clear. Enemy aircraft gone thru pass T-8510.	S-2	1st AD All Units
x	67	1330	Report location your forward elements without delay, second request. 1255.	1st AD	S-2
x	68	1335	5 German 109's were over and dropped a few bombs. They bombed in pass 4 or 5 miles east of Maknassy and also in vicinity Maknassy.	RCN	S-2

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x	69	1345	5 ME 109's bombed Maknassy & pass 3 miles east the RFOE.	S-2	1st AD
x	70	1346	Our Ren at 7230 & 6524, 7323, 7517, 7712 and 7307. Our Arty neutralized enemy guns at 7917.	S-2	1st AD
x	71	1350	Re my msg lost Rose Peddles, plans are being made by NR roses to recover peddles tonight or sometime today.	RCN	S-2
x	72	1400	3 trucks loaded with men description of trucks American 6 x 6 approached turned around and stopped & still can be observed.	RCN	S-2
x	73	1405	3 American 6 x 6 are unloading men at 8517, now pulling out heading NE & more truck loads arriving and being shelled.	S-2	1st AD
x	74	1407	All Boys men now out. 3 vehicles remain.		
x	75	1407	7 - 2 1/2 tdh trucks unloaded men at 8517 at 1400 hrs.	S-2	All Units
x	76	1408	Our Ren at T-835005 at 1330 hrs. No contact, 2 JU 88's and 8 ME 109's bombed area east and west Maknassy at 1345 hrs.	81st	1st AD
x	77	1330	Present bomb line approx phase line coordinates T-9999, T-9906, T-8714, (1st A.D. Bomb line)	Fast Car	Big Fence S-2
x	78	1355	D-18 - AONRS - Escort for attack of A7D at U-0309, bombs dropped from 6000 to 7000 ft. through solid overcast, results unobserved, med. flak inaccurate over target.	BB	Moon S-2
x	79	1447	Enemy shelling Maknassy pass at approx 8711 at 1445.	S-2	1st AD
x	80	1512	American pilot escaped from Italian says Italian have now evacuated Dj. Zebbog and retiring to east across Maknassy pass says evacuation general, says supply & clothing very poor.	S-2	1st AD
x	81	1518	Please advise 31st fighter group 307 squadron that Lt. Langberg is safe.	S-2	12 AF
x	82	1515	Rt. of Spirit Rose are 1st pl. at 7222, 3rd pl at 7221,	776th	S-2
x	83	1525	9 Stukas and about 6 ME's as escorts strafed & bombed east of Maknassy in an olive grove.	RCN	S-2
x	84	1528	9 Stukas and about 6 ME's as escorts strafed & bombed east of Maknassy in an olive grove.	S-3	1st AD
x	85	1535	2nd pl. reports 3 unidentified vehicles at 7917.	RCN	S-2
x	86	1550	4 or 5 unidentified vehicles at 7919.	RCN	S-2
x	87	1530	You will attack at 2330 hrs. to take and hold critical points along Dj. Naemia, Dj. Dribica, Rt detailed orders follow by L. O. ACK	1st AD	6th INF
x	88	1603	Bridge at T-800135 intact but mined and approaches cratered. Repair is being accomplished. 12 vehs. moving S & P at 7400 at 1600 hrs. One JU 88 on fire over area 7813.	S-2	All Units

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IN OUR NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 89	1605	One JU88 definitely destroyed and one seemed to be forced to be forced down on other side of pass.	RCN	S-2
x 90	1630	Engagement of enemy planes is a command decision because others fire is no excuse for your doing so.	Robinett	All Units
x 91	1700	1st pl. reports approx 20 men dismounted retreating at 7125	776th	S-2
x 92		All enemy aircraft activity to be reported to control officer	BB	S-2
x 93	1645	9 Stukkas with 10 escorts planes bombed groves east and west of Maknessy at 1640 hrs. vehicles on rd at 8210, type undetermined.	S-2	All Units 1st AD
x 94	1825	Several enemy vehicles reported heading north at 1800 hrs.		
x 95	1830	Enemy btrys located at following pts. T-7821, T-8120, T-7910.	S-2	All Units
x 96	1840	Arty 75mm at approx T-8340, Arty Cal. unknown at T-7535, MG fire across pass T-7535. Also MG fire seen and heard at T-6124	776th	S-2
x 97	1915	Van reports Arty from Lts. to the S. are shelling Maknessy Pass. Are their instructions for tonight available yet.	RCN	S-2
x 98	1925	1st pl. will be at 7525, Engr. pl. at 6525, CP at 8222. The pioneer OP today reports MG & Arty fire was heard in the hill when we believed guards from plane last night, men salvaged 6 guns, 4 - 30 calibre, & 20mm, Amm belts and camera, we would like to know what disposition to take.	776th	S-2
x 99	2200	Request air Recon for 3/23/43 at 0800 hrs. and 1600 hrs. of following areas. A. T8060, U-1070, T-8030. B. C-7030, C-9020, T-9090, T-6090.	S-2	Air Supps
x 100	2328	All Combat Command of 10th Pz Div reported moving tonight from Kairouan just east of Grand Dorsal expected to arrive vicinity Meheri Zebbeus by morning for attack on pass, strength of enemy force moving south estimated 50 tks. one or two Marsch Bns and one of more Bns of Arty. It is possible elements of 21st Pz. Div may coordinate by attacks on Axis Skhina Mezzauma.	1st AD	All Units
x 101	2345	A Combat Command of 10th Pz Div reported to be moving to our area and may be here tomorrow estimated strength 50 tanks, 2 Bns Inf. and Arty.	S-2	All Units

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PLACE T-6215

DATE 23RD MARCH 1943

IN	OUT	NOI	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X		1	0245	Parachutists reported dropped T-0337. Report indications of additional droppings & many flares fire or unidentified planes 0035A.	1st AD	All Unit
x		2	0340	Acknowledgement report RNO 25 approved covered by another.	BB	Big Fence S-2
x		3	0525	Estimated One Co. 501 Pz Abt. NE Hajeb El Aicoun. Diversionary attack from that are possible.	1st AD	S-2
x		4	0605	CP 6421, 1st pl. 6421, 2nd pl. 7218, 3rd pl. 7219. All pls. are moving. I will be moving east from this position. Nothing to report.	RCN	S-2
x		5	0730	INTERCEPT - 3rd Bn 60th Inf. engaging enemy and have not reached objective at 0500 hrs.	1st AD	6th Inf
x		6	0845	Information to Rommel intercepted 0730 hrs. 23rd March:- The 68th FA called Divarty to tell them that they were practically out of ammo that they had packed up all the amm in the Supply dump last night, that they had to go farther back to get some and to do so they were hurting badly, for transportation; they at present laying down heavy concentration and and only had 200 yds. of HE left in the battalion, that there were two similar outfits near by who could help them out, they were hurting badly, can't waste time sending for it can they bring it here. Also writer received the Division CP coordinates T-5402 in the clear at 0540 hrs. INTERCEPT by 27th F.A.	27th FA	
x		7	0905	Rt. 1st 7518, his fwd elements 7519. He is unable to advance due to enemy arty fire approx. 75mm. coming from the vicinity mining town and hill at 7917. Cannot determine the exact position the enemy has. There was an air stack over the town and two enemy planes shot down.		
x		8	0915	Rt. 1st 7518, 2nd 7218, 3rd 7223, CP 3rd 7425, moving Cp at present so as to be able to observe 7429. CP at 6823.		
x		9	0930	4 men came on hill at 7428 and observed for a few minutes and disappeared, am watching the hill.	RCN	S-2
x		10	0827	D-2, AO-2 - Sweep over T-7908, Y-2273 area 4 A/C at U-0309 A/D 3 Flax batteries same U-0207 appears deserted. Tank battle at Y-2864 and Y-1566.	BB	Moon S-2
x		11	0920	D-7, AO-1 - Route to O-7423 and area in vicinity, No activity in O-8316 and on roads, leading into same. No activity in O-7423 on roads leading into same. No activity or Flak received between T-7295 and O-9030. No activity in flat country in this area or on roads.	BB	Moon S-2
x		12	0925	No movement can be seen to east and with east of pass at 7826 at 0845 hrs.	81st	1st AD
x		13	0940	Forward elements at T-817098 and T-808194 and T914J36 proceeding on mission.	1st AD	81st
x		14	0959	Airdromes are located as follows U-0008, Z-1594, U-0902. INTERCEPT		CCA
x		14	0957	3 Arty burst over Paknassy at 0916 hrs.	81st	1st AD
x		14	1030	On Patrol going east at 7123, one going west at 7023	776th	S-2

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PLACE - T-6215

DATE - 23 MARCH 1943

- 17 Air Rcn reports 4 enemy aircraft and 3AA Btrys at U-0309, T-0800
, U-0207 appears deserted. 1st AD All Units
- x 18 1046 Hostile combat team possibly from 10th Pz Div attacking to-
ward El Guettar astrice Gabes Rd. 25 tanks moving NW area S-2 All Units
Y-3566, 4 trucks 1 tank Y-4260. Enemy concentration area 8
miles radius of Y-4065 vehicles both sides of rd. Y-4065 to
Y-8557. Trucks on rd. south of Y-2273 headed toward tank
battle Y-2864 and Y-1566.
- 19 1048 Accurate times on yesterday's bombing have not been obtained
however they started at 0900 hrs. vicinity of bombing T-7909, 1st AD 81st RCN
T-8012, T-7811.
- 20 1390 In slope 6425 we have excellent communication they have seen
a lot of american equipment. One of our pits. have run 776th S-2
across MG nest and we are sending you letters and cards found. TD
- x 21 0955 D8 Additional on AO-2 Big concentration of tanks and trucks,
gun carriers within 8 miles radius of Y-7570, concentration of
enemy veh. both sides of roads from Y-4065 to Y-8557. Many trucks
headed toward tank battle on road south of Y-2273. Result 50
trucks shot up on road at Y-4065 to Y-8557, 20 trucks shot up
on road at Y-4065, they burst into flames or broke apart. 2
Busses of personnel straffed. 5 to 8 MG positions straffed,
several small gun carriers put out of action.
- x 22 1005 Recon area Y-4060 25 tanks moving NW in area of Y-3566, 4 trucks, 1
tank north at Y-4260. Tanks painted grey. BB Moon
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- x 23 1007 Push forward on left to relieve pressure on right. ACK. DIV 6th INF
- x 24 1105 D-12 AO-1, Large enemy vehicle concentration at Y-3965 & IB Moon
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Y-4264. Vehicles every 100 yds. as far apart as could be seen
from Y-3965 moving both directions mostly west 300 or more
vehicles in area Y-3955 to Y-5066.
- x 25 1111 D-18 AO-4 recon Y-3072, 1 TU 800 on rd. 4 miles NE
of Y-2273. Hospital at Y-9292. Traffic both directions,
heavy on road to Y-3132. 1 FM and 109 attacked a plane. IB Moon
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- x 26 1114 Gen. Co. has a broken jeep at a hidden pt. known to R. S-2 S-4
Quisiam and another vehicle in need of repair its at CP. A
guide will report a wrecker for the latter vehicle at 6423.
- x 27 1115 Bomb line T-9560, T-9050. 1st AD CGA
CCB
60 & 61st
Inf.
- x 28 1250 First at a point 5 is impossible for any type of vehicle, it
would take two or three days work to make use and our
elements have been enough to north entrance and nothing was 1st AD
contacted. 1956 hr. 1106. IMPROBIT

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19 1111 Gen. Co. has a broken jeep at a hidden pt. known to R. Quisiam and another vehicle in need of repair its at CP. A guide will report a wrecker for the latter vehicle at 6423.

20 1390 In slope 6425 we have excellent communication they have seen a lot of american equipment. One of our pits. have run across MG nest and we are sending you letters and cards found.

21 0955 D8 Additional on AO-2 Big concentration of tanks and trucks, gun carriers within 8 miles radius of Y-7570, concentration of enemy veh. both sides of roads from Y-4065 to Y-8557. Many trucks headed toward tank battle on road south of Y-2273. Result 50 trucks shot up on road at Y-4065 to Y-8557, 20 trucks shot up on road at Y-4065, they burst into flames or broke apart. 2 Busses of personnel straffed. 5 to 8 MG positions straffed, several small gun carriers put out of action.

22 1005 Recon area Y-4060 25 tanks moving NW in area of Y-3566, 4 trucks, 1 tank north at Y-4260. Tanks painted grey.

23 1007 Push forward on left to relieve pressure on right. ACK.

24 1105 D-12 AO-1, Large enemy vehicle concentration at Y-3965 & Y-4264. Vehicles every 100 yds. as far apart as could be seen from Y-3965 moving both directions mostly west 300 or more vehicles in area Y-3955 to Y-5066.

25 1111 D-18 AO-4 recon Y-3072, 1 TU 800 on rd. 4 miles NE of Y-2273. Hospital at Y-9292. Traffic both directions, heavy on road to Y-3132. 1 FM and 109 attacked a plane.

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INPUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	30	1328	D6 AO-9 Air Support for bombing mission 3 ME 109's strafing at Y-3873, 1 ME 109 damaged by our planes, Bomb dropped on 30 - 40 enemy tanks at Y-5064, results believed good. 10 - 15 tanks strafed at Y-3566. 8 - 10 trucks at Y-4758 strafed and destroyed. 10 vehicles at Y-4259.	EB	Wonn S-2
x	31	1408	Dismounted men vicinity T-7827 identified as Italians at 1347 hours. INTERCEPT	81st Ren	1st AD
x	32	1430	4 Hostile tanks moving south at 7818 being engaged by Arty at 1430 hrs.	S-2	All Units
x	33	1440	Tanks re to in message 1437 hrs. are German with one American	S-2	1st AD
x	34	1457	Hostile tanks moving south at 7818 being engaged by Arty at 1435 hrs.	S-2	1st AD
x	35	1510	Arty fire has turned back tanks one smoking several hit.	S-2	1st AD
x	36	1348	D-17 AO-10 - No traffic at Y-4350, Y-4030 at 1125 hrs. condensed traffic at Y-4866, Y-8858, trucks dispersed Y-7269. 3 tanks at Y-5865 6 tanks and 4 trucks headed west at Y-2203 100 trucks parked between Y-7670 & Y-8074. 4 or 5 planes in revetments at T-8812. 1 of our planes down at T-6005.	EB	Moon S-2
x	37	1355	Arty at T-775256 firing at 1300 hrs. fire falling at T-7318. 8 trucks, & 2 towed guns at approx. T-9511 moving northwest at 1150 hrs. 1320. INTERCEPT	81st Ren	1st AD
x	38	1410	That part of your force going to Pt. 13, will continue to a position 2 miles NE of Pt. 3 ACK. INTERCEPT	Div	CCA
x	39	1510	Location of Derbyshire Yeomerry patrols at 1300 hrs. T-6328, T-6831, CP at T-5436.	Oboe	S-2
x	40	1510	4 tanks still at 775205 sandy colored carry 5 crew, possibly Italian.	S-2	1st AD
x	41	1425	OP reports 6 truckloads men 20 men each truck, dismantled at Y865950 and start to infiltrate to hill to north at 1300 hrs. Good OP location at T-911 I 73 OP location at T-911I73 suggest inform Inf. 60th. INTERCEPT	6th Inf	Div.
x	42	1443	INTERCEPT - Correction on msg. 1410 last coordinates should read T-911 I 53.	6th Inf.	Div
x	43	1525	Relay to G-2 one of our Fwd elements at T-717H28. at 1445 hrs INTERCEPT	81st	DIV
x	44	1528	INTERCEPT - 5 vehicles unidentified at T-7820 at 1500 hrs. Rd. under enemy fire from T-8410 to east. 1426 hrs. Fwd elements now at T-812523 and T812P95. OP at T-812 R 59 at 1445A.	81st Ren	DIV
x	45	1534	INTERCEPT - 7 hostile tanks reported south on road to MAKIASSY at T-7813 at 1435 hrs.	81st Ren	all Units

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IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		46	1545	D-21, AC-13, 100 unidentified tanks on NW slope of Mt. at Y-3550 Bomb dropped from Y-4360 to Y-4359. Direct hit on tanks and one truck exploded.	HB	Moon S-2
x		47	1525	Re urgent msg 1437 to MCS if you have any more information. Please send it to me.	Spare #1	S-2
x		48	1458	D-20 AC-12 - Bomb at Y-4262 on truck and tanks on road & dispersed along side, 50 trucks moving south along road at Y-4545 bombed believed effective.	BB	Moon S-2
x		49	1625	Suggest your informants - 6th and 81st have their eyes examined treatment station T-5400.	S-2	G-3 1st AD
x		50	1658	and located position near 6485 reported as late as yesterday at 20th hrs. 68 tanks, 12 CP and 2000 lbs. of ammo were also some IG's & arm. will bring what is available.	S-2	G-3 1st AD
x		51	1645	INTERCEPT - We are sending one Company of NVJ up to have a look around point 6, 1640A.	6th Inf	81st Rcn
x		52	1700	INTERCEPT - Abty at T-7688 at 1630 hrs.	81st	6th Inf.
x		53	1657	Bombing mission escort observed 20 - 25 tanks, Y-8585, road bombed Y-6374 to Y-6770.	HB	Moon S-2
x		54	1715	RKO - 4 Refused		Big Fence S-2
x		55	1710	The light tanks and one H-T and 3P are at 7813 and not at other coordinates given in last msg.	RCH	S-2
x		56	1737	Request information of situation on our front. Where are your advanced elements. INTERCEPT	1st AD	6th Inf
x		57	1737	Request report on H-T rumored this morning placed and time number and identification 1720	1st AD	6th Inf
x		58	1738	Request reconnaissance this evening and at 1st light tomorrow squares 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 82, 83, 84, 85, 92, 94, 95.	S-2	Air Support
x		59	1740	4 enemy tanks at 7615 at 1740 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x		60	1750	3rd plst. reports all clear, hostile Inf. at 7823.	RCH	S-2
x		61	1740	4 enemy tanks at 775205 at 1740 hrs.	S-2	G-3, 1st AD
x		62	1800	8 ME 109's passed over at 1730 hrs.	CCA	6th Inf.
x		63	1825	One of our fwd elements at T817528 at 1445hrs. Fwd elements also at T-812123 and T822895, CP at T812859 at 1645 hrs. Position of main body fwd element unchangedetry are proceeding on mission	81st	1st AD
x		64	1830	At 1746 a 20 - 25 tanks were at Y-2595, road between Y-6374 Y-6770 bombed.	1st AD	All Unit

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- x 65 140 enemy tanks reported at Y-8894, Air Rcn reported 100 tanks un- 1st AD. All Units identified on NW slope of Mts. Y-3550.
- x 66 1640 Mt. vehicles T-7814 our Rcn reports friendly vehicles there, CGA 1st AD
- x 67 1940 Enemy vehicles moving on road between U-0107, T8810. In formation on number type & direction will follow shortly 1840. 81st 1st AD
- x 68 1950 1st plat. 7209, 3rd plat., 7224, 2nd plat. 6823. CP 6823. RCM S-2
- x 69 1955 Having trouble contacting Hobo. Suggest we relay thru your station. Please confirm. This is possible and inform Hobo S-2 Spare #1
- x 70 1925 From 7825 to 1000 yds. south light Inf dug in there has been moving with 3 tanks on line. 7526 tanks have departed 2nd Bn 6th Inf. has checked with 3rd plat & myself. RCM S-2
- x 71 1950 3rd plat. approx due east of his position large flashes are going going behind Mts. where arty was firing today, no explosions could be heard. The exact source cannot be determined. RCM S-2
- x 72 1950 NR5 Disapproved for tonight will cover area early tomorrow. BB Big Fence S-2
- x 73 1935 Bombing & strafing missions. Tanks, lorries hit along road from Y-4564 to Y-4264. At least 3 tanks and 8 to 10 trucks believed destroyed & other damaged. Straffed same area. 4 vehicles believed hit. BB Moon S-2
- x 74 1955 Air ground recognition flares will be displayed from 0900 to 0500 hrs. 24 March at T-7407 for information. 1st AD S-2
- x 75 2015 D-24 AO-19 Escort for Bombing mission at Y-6373. Results believed good. Bombs dropped at Y-6373. Other bursts not ours seen at Y-3759 and Y-7060. 25 enemy vehicles at Y-7974. Flak at Y-6664. BB Moon S-2
- x 76 2025 From Y-7825 to 1000 yds. south light Inf. are dug in with 5 gun positions with 3 men per gun from Y-7526 is another similar line. 7th approached us today at approx Y-7718. Arty knocked out one two retired at once and 4 remained 775025 until dusk Try to call me at 2330 hrs. to re establish contact Big S. S-2 Spare #1 Oboe
- x 77 2100 1st, 2nd, and 3rd plats report all clear at 2100 hrs. Rcn S-2
- x 78 2400 1st plat reports all clear at midnight. RCM S-2
- x 79 2400 Nothing to report, all clear. 776th S-2
- 80 8th Army has driven a wedge intoareth positions on a 6 mile front. A force of 100 British tanks have outflanked the areth positions and are 30 miles from Gabes only 50 miles separate British and American forces. 32 German tanks hit by air craft near El Hamia. Another German convoy has been attacked between Sicily & Tunisia. One transport & one supply ship were hit and set on fire, eight planes escorting it were shot down.

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INOUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1 0020	Planes believed enemy bombing and strafing Makassy. 2 flares were dropped. Planes being fired on heavily. One plane identified as JU 88.	776th	S-2
x	2 0300	2nd and 3rd plats all clear and quiet.	RCN	S-2
x	3 0300	All clear 1 plat. out of Comm. from 0000 to 0300 hrs.	776th	S-2
x	4 0600	2 plats all clear at 0130 hrs. 1 JU 88 Bombed at 8004, 3rd plat all clear at 0600 hrs.	RCN	S-2
x	5 0625	The knocked out tank was drawn thru the pass by the enemy.	RCN	S-2
x	6 0625	All clear, am now in communication with both plats.	776th	S-2
x	7 0750	Column of vehicles moving west from 780258 believed hostile. Will advise further.	S-2	1st AD
x	8 0810	INTERCEPT - Has your command arrived at assembly area. ACK.	1st AD	CCA
x	9 0817	Vehicles at 780258 are 2 hostile trucks detrucking Inf. other unidentified vehicles at 7919. Will keep you advised. V RCN missions and plan same as yesterday.	S-2	1st AD
x	10 0820	INTERCEPT - Your tanks advancing in front face of 4 - 88mm.	60th	DIV
x	11 0821	2 hostile trucks unloading Inf. at 780258 other unidentified vehicles 7919.	S-2	All Units
x	12 0825	INTERCEPT * Find out location of 88mm guns reported.	DIV	60th Inf
x	13 0847	Prisoner states Italians hold hills at T-7819 and T-7827 & T-8315 and have 20 - 88mm guns therein. Information doubtful source doubtful.	S-2	1st AD
x	14 0914	Some enemy activity at T-7821 at 0900 hrs. also activity at T-780255.	S-2	1st A.D.
x	15 0928	1 hostile tank at T-9521, and at T-7820, 1 at 778237.	S-2	All Units
x	16 0928	1 hostile tank at T-7520. 2 hostile tanks at 7820. 1 more at T-778237.	S-2	1st AD
x	17 0945	4 tanks reptd at T-895125, 4 - 88mm guns reptd at T-920125, Arty Btry believed to be 75mm or 105mm at T-910118 at 0915.	S-2	All Units
x	18 0930	INTERCEPT - 4 MK tanks reptd at T-895125, 4 - 88mm guns at T-920125, Arty btry believed to be 75mm or 105mm at T-910118.	6th Inf	1st AD
x	19 0952	INTERCEPT - 5 vehicles moving east and 3 west at T-833237. Trucks turning north at turning point. 7 unidentified vehicles at T-870170 at 0925 hrs.	81st RCN	1st AD
x	20 1000	INTERCEPT - 4 MK tanks reptd at T-885115. 4 AT guns believed at T-900120.	75mm 6th Inf.	1st AD

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- x 21 1011 1 - FW 190 knocked down vicinity T-6723. Putting guard on plane, pilot running away will try to get him. S-2 1st AD
- x 22 1000 Exactly at 78255 enemy apparently laying mines, trucks have 776th came across the trail to the east and to the west, if Arty TD S-2 could register on this point. Arty fire could be most effective.
- x 23 1029 Pilot of plane captured, being sent to this CP. Plane an LE 109. Send any special instructions re pilot at once. S-2 1st AD
- x 24 1050 20 tanks moving from Lezoune airport toward Lahnassy 1005A 1st AD All Units. A number of trucks near air port.
- x 25 1055 30 tanks moving from Lezoune airport toward Lahnassy at 1005 hrs. A number of trucks near airport. 1005 hrs. S-2 All Units
- x 26 1043 Send platoon to investigate pass at T919R06 establish CP south of this point to Observe road 1040 hrs. INTERCEPT. 1st AD 81st
- x 27 1126 2 vehicles just went from S. to N. across pass also our arty laid a smoke shell there but they are out of range of fire. 776th S-2
- x 28 Refer our RMO #8, 210mm guns at position now, we are bombing if possible. Location on RMO #8 - T-9111. Fast HB BAR S-2
- x 29 1127 Enemy arty firing on vicinity Lahnassy, gun positions believed to be vicinity T-9111 7819 at 1030 hrs. 81st DIV
- x 30 1138 INTERCEPT - 16 LK 4 tanks moving west along railroad tracks at T-9012 at 1115 hrs. 81st DIV
- x 31 1157 Vehicles reptd stopped on top of hill, reptd 2 1/2 ton truck Italian & 11 men which seem to be laying mines just NW of that junction showing 3 trails or roads. A vehicle standing still all day. Guns are well camouflaged, and dug in, small calibre guns SP's and surrounded by IG's. RCN S-2
- x 32 1200 2 Italian trucks went thru pass at 680A. A plane circling over that area now. RCN S-2
- x 33 1201 7 low level bombers dropped bombs at 5803 at 1150 hrs. RCN S-2
- x 34 1205 Danger confirms 15 enemy tanks knocked out, others recovered, during night. 1st AD All Unit
- x 35 1213 2 trucks at T-795155 & 1 tank & dismantled gun at T-8015 at 1200. 1st AD 81st RCN
- x 36 1215 Regards to your msg of 1040 hrs. Plat proceeding on mission 1115 hrs. INTERCEPT 1st AD 81st RCN
- x 37 1220 INTERCEPT - The 16 tanks reported at 1115 hrs. are now 20 tanks at T-885115. at 1215 hrs. 81st 1st AD
- x 38 1230 The nt. small AT gun 1000 yds. S. 7825 east of rd, junct. 2 large guns possibly 88mm and 100 yds. either side road going N. are 7626 to create decoy for 1st pln in ca. S-2

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Near MAKNIASSY
24TH MARCH 1943

IN OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	39	1245	The road from 7817 to 7818 being mined by the enemy.	RCN S-2
x	40	1253	2 Italian tanks going thru pass at 782257 and 3 guns probably 47mm AT guns going into position at T-785252. Enemy reported mining road at 7817 to 7818. 3 light vehicles at 782257.	S-2 All Units
x	41	1256	2 Italian tanks, 3 light vehicles in pass at T-782257, 3 guns probably 47mm AT guns going into position at T-785252. Enemy reported to be mining road from T-7817 to 7818.	S-2 1st AD
x	42	1310	INTERCEPT - 4 guns at T-782178, also 2 vehicles and at least 10 dismounted men at T-774178 at 1227 hrs.	81st RCN 1st AD
x	43	1340	At 1130 hrs. 47mm & 75mm fire was drawn by Engrs. from vicinity 7918, Ammunition now being unloaded for guns reported 1000 yds south of 7825. 100 men heading east at 7825.	S-2 1st AD
x	44	1356	1 - 88mm gun at T-791157. 1 enemy tank T-791160. request arty fire - 1350 hrs.	CC A 1st AD
	45	1500	Indev. tank T-8208 identified, 2 1/2 3/20, 2 3/20, Gren. Regt. 1445.	1st AD All Units
x	46	1520	2 plats of men laying mines at 7925 friendly arty drove them out, started laying mines 2 miles NW of that pass the enemy attempted to set up a heavy gun at 7925 but also have been driven out. One truck, 1 AT gun at 7926.	Rcn S-2
x	47	1512	Inf. leaving pass at T-7825 at 1510 hrs. after a severe arty fire and going east.	S-2 1st AD
x	48	1520	The shells are still landing 7812, 7814. Muzzle blast of 75mm coming from 8318.	RCN S-2
x	49	1520	Hostile Btry of about 75mm in vicinity of T-8318.	S-2 All Units
x	50	1888	Enemy appear to be evacuating pass at T-7926 taking out guns and ammunition	S-2 1st AD
x	51	1617	100 Inf. & 1 AT gun in ca ctus patch at T-7627.	S-2 1st AD
x	52	1620	Situation Report light AA fire seen from T-447863 at 0730A Dust seen rea T-563D13 estimated from 12 vehicles moving to U44821 at 0930 hrs. At 1445 hrs. heavy IG fire heard from area T-928F22 and two loud explosions at T-928F42, 5 men still visible at T-357K88 at 1000 hrs. 2 men seen & at 1125 hrs. 4 men seen coming out of pass T-834R43 and disappeared area T-939D24 - 1215 - 1425 hrs.	Spare #1 G-2 1st AD
2	53	1650	Two FW 189's preceded the Stukas which bombed Makniassy at 1605 hrs. and criss crossed over the target pointing it out out with smoke.	S-2 1st AD
x	54	1822	Request info of your Rcn if still in vicinity south of Pt. 5 and SW pt. 2 GCA reports considerable movement in areas mentioned, 1822.	1st A.D. S-2
x	55	1835	Request coordinates in isg 1754 REOP verified 1827	1st AD S-2
x	56	1845	10 truck loads of enemy Inf. dismounting at 840950 at 1808 hrs. and heading into pass.	81st Rcn 1st AD

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Near MAKASSY
24TH MARCH 1943

INCOM NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	57 1801	Makassy bombed at 1800 hrs. by 9 Stukas and 3 ME 109's, just before reacting they were intercepted by friendly planes and RCN shoved them east. P140s went through in pursuit. Italian truck in cactus at 7627		S-2
x	58 1855	Spirit Rowe observes shell blast well east of Makassy. Approx 8117. On top of ridge at 9210 a fire is burning.	776th	S-2
x	59 1900	Observes 3 fires at 7918. He picked up muzzle blast 795195.	RCN	S-2
x	60 1725	4 unidentified vehicles moving to IE at T-7489 at 1643.	81st	1st AD
x	61 1754	We have a new OP at T-902172 at 1642 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	1st AD
x	62 1935	Rt. 1st 7400, 2nd 6823, 3rd 7224, CP 6823.	RCN	S-2
x	63 2045	Situation report up to 1800 hrs. at U-13805 at 1945 hrs. 2 sections of Italian Inf. with two IG and 1 AT gun attacked OP from Cactus, but were driven off. CFF force slightly SW but observation on south of T-935880 pass still maintained no further sign of Italians at 1700 hrs. one large gun seen firing from T-496222 in SW. At 1800 hrs. 15 men attempting to recover tank at U-169V33 no other enemy movement seen. 1830 hrs.	G-2 1st AD	CCA
x	64 1845	Situation report. A patrol working up to Cactus patch T-7627. 100 Inf. and one AT gun at that position. All other guns that were in mouth of pass have been withdrawn to eastern side. The line from 7826 to a 1000 yds south of that Pt. abandoned only activity south of pass small group of men observing. Patrol reports rd not marked on map, junction at T-780550 to T-785550 then northeast out of sight of one OP. The enemy has made use of this road today.		T-780550
x	65 2100	Ref. your message 1745 hrs. Template code is dated 21st March OP is at reading given 2011.	1st AD	81st
x	66 2216	Request urgently air Recon of following area at dawn - repeat dawn. Squares T81, 82, 83, 84, T91, 92, 93, 94. This is of the highest importance.		Air Support
x	67 2230	One plat. patrols line T-7526 to T-775275 Advise of any hostile effort from N to S. 2nd plat at T-7825 to advise of any debouchment from pass. This plat extends to vicinity 7621. 3rd plat. from T-7621 to 81st Recon-plate vicinity T-6424, both 2nd and 3rd plats to advise of any enemy approach E to W. Please advise Roy 1 plat of 776 Recon in pass at T-6424 to advise of an enemy approach N. To S.	S-2	1st AD
x	68 2330	Hurricane bombers will be operating in this sector tomorrow and for the next several days.	BB	Mocon S-2
x	69	There has been an infiltration of enemy Inf. without vehicles	1st AD	All Units.

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Near MAKHASSY

25TH MARCH 1943

IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0035	1st pl. 81 Ren will go 2000 yds N. and 2000 yds east of 7318 advise 1st pl. 1 patrol 81 Ren will be 2000 yds north & 2000 yds east of 7314	S-2	RCN
x		2	0050	INTERCEPT - We are attached to A Co. 776th T.O. in contact with 3 pl. spirit rose who are proceeding on mission.	776th	RCN
x		3	0115	RNO - 3 Refused but will make every effort to cover portion in mission now set up.	BB	S-2
x		4	0135	2nd pl. in position, patrols on way to theirs 0115	RCN	S-2
x		5	0230	Patrol & OP in position as of 0200.	776th	RCN
x		6	0245	Report immediately by radio when you arrive vicinity T-802P17 0020 - 0100 hrs. INTERCEPT	1st AD	81st
x		7	0245	report immediately	S-2	RCN
x		8	0307	Nothing to report we are also acting as means of comm. between this company and S-2.	776th	SO2
x		9	0434	All clear at 0434 hrs.	776th	S-2
x		10	0502	All clear and am in position 3rd plat.	RCN	S-2
x		11	0502	Report situation your front at once. ACK.	1st AD	S-2
x		12	0625	Our tanks north of the bridge ours?	CCA	S-2
x		13	0650	INTERCEPT - 30 Italian tanks reported at 7718	81st	1st AD
x		14	0650	7 enemy tanks reported at 7715	Div	S-2
x		15	0700	OP reports 8 tanks at 7617 moving N. on road, very large tanks	S-2	All Units 1st AD
x		16	0700	10 very large tanks going north at 7818 at 0650 hrs.	S-2	"
x		17	0705	11 tanks now moving toward pass at 7825 very fast, our artillery short.	S-2	"
x		18	0715	11 tanks in a huddle at 7717 crews conferring.	S-2	"
x		19	0726	Gun at 7820	S-2	"
x		20	0729	Gun at 7819	S-2	"
x		21	0747	We are firing for effect, tanks withdrawing into pass at 785255.	S-2	"
x		22	0750	Request information concerning disposition of German Flyer reported in lsg of 1029 - 24th March.	1st AD	S-2
x		23	0755	Prisoner turned over to Div. LP Lt. with your instructions and orders to follow such orders to the letter. All tanks have now withdrawn through pass at 785255.	S-2	All Units 1st AD
x		24	0801	Still firing for effect.	S-2	"
x		25	0801	Leo F.O. is taking over adjustment of fire.	RCN	S-2
x		26	0835	Tanks moved east behind knolls where they came from 7717 or 7719 east of that position. 3rd plat vicinity of bridge.	RCN	S-2

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Near MANKASSY

25TH MARCH 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		27	0847	OP #1 7419, OP #2 6722, CP 7118, company 776th TD also at last Rt.	RCN	S-2
x		28	0850	Arty fire landing 7818 and 7919. Both air and ground burst	S-2	1st AD
x		29	0910	15 men in area 7821, enemy CP at 7925. 6 enemy Machine Dive Bombers heading towards Mankassy at 0909 hrs.	RCN	S-2
x		30	0921	2 IE 109's came from east turned west, probably looking for a target.	Rcn	S-2
x		31	0926	Our CP's 839J63 and 934089, 934V37, 822M18, our plats. at 627N8, 627T76, with patrols to 627T30 and 726T45 with patrols to 726T80 another pirols to within pass 626T29. will remain in same general vicinity throughout day unless situation changes.	S-2	All Units 1st AD
x		32	0935	There is quite a barrage being laid down at 8614.	RCN	S-2
x		33	0935	Arty is still firing on mine and hill mass to south thereof and at about 7915 and at about 8614.	S-2	1st AD
x		34	1006	Patrol at 6424.	776th	S-2
x		35	1007	Apert from continued artillery fire, already described. All is quiet.	S-2	1st AD
x		36	1030	Vehicle resembling a gas truck seen at U-0107 moving towards U-0208 at 0950 hrs. Planes repoted in previous msg. maybe refueling INTERCEPT.	81st Rcn	1st AD
x		37	1034	This arty from 665200 which is approx 200 yds from my position it may be coming from 7980.	2-Bn 13th	S-2
x		38	1051	Hostile activity between 7823 and 7920, vehicles moving observed toward guns reported yesterday at 7820.	S-2	1st AD All Unit
x		39	1058	There is definitely hostile activity between 7820 & 7919. They are definitely at that position where gun was reported	Rcn	S-2
x		40	1117	1 Truck towing a trailer came into pass and turned left, and went behind knoll south of road at 7826.	RCN	S-2
x		41	1149	Enemy gun approx 3 inch located at 7920. General situation quite.	776th	S-2
x		42	1151	Enemy guns estimated to be 3 inches reported at 7920.	S-2	1st AD
x		43	1155	2 miles west of Mankassy at 1150 hrs. being bombed by nine studdas.	Rcn	S-2
x		44	1332	One armd car coming from pass at 7826.	S-2	all unti
x		45	1336	2 armd cars going out of pass and then went back in again.	Rcn	S-2
x		46	1358	OP reports situation quiet in his sector in area 7923, several men walking on ridge possibly observing. The arty laid in that sector landed short and others fell in area where tanks were. Tanks were reported by 776th T.D. this morning.	Rcn	S-2
x		47	1945	Quote to CG CCB Evacuate pilot to forward coll pt. I will notify ASD. 1038.		1st AD S-2

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PLACE:- Near LAKNASSY

DATE:- 25TH MARCH 1943

IN	CVT NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	48	1400	All is well at point 17 Greathouse - INTERCEPT	Unit CCA	CCA
x	49	1430	D-9, AO 5 Attacked on reported concentration at T-5478 and V-4577 3 lorries at T-6786 road empty in target area. Bombs dropped on 10 vehicles at T-4979, two guns hit. No other observation heavy flame in target area.	DB	S-2 Moon
x	50	1440	4 vehicles towing gun moving SE T-830205 moving this target was fired upon in preceding msg. INTERCEPT	81st	1st AD
x	51	1458	CP at 713845, OP's now at T-902163, T-902163, T-812248, T-8110077, T-613246, T-812262, T-904091 - INTERCEPT	81st	1st AD
x	52	1545	INTERCEPT - 9 unidentified trucks moving road T-9896 at 1500 hrs. 2 vehicles type unknown one circle moving SW at T-830205.	81st	1st AD
x	53	1545	4/47mm and 2 other guns of unknown calibre in cactus patch.	RON	S-2
x	54	1555	One MK 4 tank at T-895110 at 1500 hrs. advance up road to Laena when it disappeared. 2 vehicles type unknown moving SW one moving SW, one SE at T-830205 at 1528 INTERCEPT	81st Ron	1st AD
x	55	1630	4 tanks coming out at 7820 OP thinks five from the 4 AT guns coming from 8021.	RON	S-2
x	56	1630	At 1600 hrs. Lt. Kennel will procede from his present position to 7226 from there to 806265 and thence to 7226 as a limit to his op. He will on this mission chose vehicles he deems best suited for its accomplishment as well as his light tanks. He will be reinforced by a platoon of med. tanks and supported by at least one btry of the 27th P.A. all the way. He will not fight anything his detachment cannot handle to gain points. set forth.	S-2	RON
x	57	1642	4 vehicles came out of pass at T-7820 and left a large gun at T-7925 and then returned. 4 AT guns in cactus patch at 7626, other guns at 8021.	S-2	All Units 1st AD
x	58	1635	one unidentified vehicle moving SE T-830205 at 1600 hrs.	81st	1st AD
x	59	1650	Another gun brought up at T-7925 and another spotted at T-7826. Two unidentified vehicles left Laheri Pass & went N our arty active.	S-2	All Units 1st AD
x	60	1700	Another gun spotted south of pass where 3 roads meet, group of men around gun.	RON	S-2
x	61	1642	4 vehicles came out of pass at T-7820 and left a large gun. At T-7925 and then returned. 4 A.T. guns in cactus patch at T-7925 and other gun at T-8021.	S-2	1st A. D. All Units.
x	62	1701	INTERCEPT - Our Arty just chased 9 tanks from behind some houses at the Laheri mines. Tanks were seen rapidly evacuating T-7818 probable same tanks we engaged this morning.	S-2	All Units
x	63	1705	INTERCEPT - In talking to observer (Inf. Soldier) who was within 40 or 50 yds. from these 9 tanks said they were of 3 types - 2, 16, 3-14, 4-18.	CCA	1st A.D.

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE * NEAR MAMMASSY

DATE 25 MARCH 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	64	1723	Another gun spotted at 782240. A Ren in force on its way to pass now.	S-2	All Units 1st AD
x	65	1745	Request air recon. most urgently at first light of following two area. T43, 53, 63, 73, 42, 52, 62, 72, 81, 82, 83, 84, 91, 92, 93, 94. Acknowledge.	S-2	Air Support.
x	66	1740	2 or 4 guns previously reported in cactus patch at 7617 are 88's	S-2	1st AD All Units
x	67	1850	2 guns reported on peak at 7827.	Ren	S-2
x	68	1830	Prepare Combat vehicles to move immediately further instructions by messenger Sig. Commanding Officer Co. 1	1st AD	1st AD
x	69	2115	Engr. Det. now with you will be reduced to 6 men 2 per sect. of your plato men H/T when released would be picked up by Baker Co. D 16th Engrs. He will also deliver to you 2 more mine detectors.	S-2 Cairns	RCN
x	70	1910	2nd Bn reports 2 tanks moved from Lezouna west to pass at 1730 hrs. also that MG posts and entrenchments have in some cases been evacuated in rear of pass little activity noted.	60th Inf.	INTERCEPT
x	71	2100	Report at 0700 hrs. 26 March. OP's then in use. OP's to report as of 1200 hrs. locations of arty then under observation.	1st AD	S-2
x	72	1826	1 truck and 1 small vehicle going NE and 1 vehicle going SW from point vicinity T-830305. INTERCEPT	81st RCN	1st AD
x	73	1837	Recon & fighters sweep in area of U-0207 and U-0250, one F1190 shot down in flames. Flax heavy in moderate U-3363.	BB	Moon S-2
x	74	2113	Report at 0700 hrs. 26 March OP's then in use OP's to report as of 1200 hrs. locations of arty then under observation 2100 hrs.	1st AD	S-2
x	75	2203	An estimated 9 enemy tanks reported mining area north of bridge at T-7814.	1st AD	S-2

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REPORT - 26TH MARCH 1943
Near MAMHASSY

IN OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0030	All plats and 776th T.D. report all clear at 0030 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	2	0306	All clear at 0300 hrs. from plats and 776th T.D.	Rcn	S-2
x	3	0440	All clear at 0434 hrs. from plats and 776th T.D.	Rcn	S-2
x	4	0658	Enemy OP still at 7825.	Rcn	S-2
x	5	0740	INTERCEPT - OP location at T-919B45, T904H86, U-023W11.	6th Inf	1st AD
x	6	0810	1st plt. Rt. 7004, 1st OP 7317, Rt. 2nd OP 7514, 2nd plt Rt. 715233, Rt. OP 745145, OP. reports Inf. apparently have OP in Mareth of pass 7826 approx. 30 men in wadi also on ridge at 7925.	Rcn	S-2
x	7	0810	Point 17 all is well (X-650950) INTERCEPT		1st AD
x	8	0810	OP's reports 15 - 20 men in cactus patch at T-7626 also one gun. There is no enemy OP at the mouth of the pass at T-785255. At T-7527 on a small ridge are a few men and what appear to be two gun positions. Nothing else to report visibility still poor due to haze.	S-2	1st AD
x	9	0816	2 Gun positions and some men at 7527. Rifle & MG fire heard from 7920 to 7926.	Rcn	S-2
x	10	0821	Is it all right to fire on suspected enemy vehicles T-7817.	CCA	S-2
x	11	0717	OP's T7147, 7320, 6227, 6353, 6654, 4929, 4356, 4864. INTERCEPT.	1st D.Y.	1st AD
x	12	0835	OP reports at T-818077 has moved now to 909T17. INTERCEPT	Rcn	S-2
x	13	0845	Rt. 3rd plt. 7223, OP 7425.	Rcn	S-2
x	14	0900	We would very much like to be able to get into communication with you again and we are enclosing a Frequency table to this end. If we cannot contact you direct by Radio, can you arrange that you relay through you Regt. station at division (1st AD) which is in same net as us. In the meantime we will listen for you every hour. We have a permanent patrol at the following location at T-639255 if you will warn your patrol, we will arrange for one patrol to contact them everyday.	Major Philipsborn S-2 Major Higham	
x	15	0858	2 enemy gun positions at 7526 reference point on map is 279.	Rcn	S-2
x	16	0905	All is well at point 17. INTERCEPT.		1st AD
x	17	0905	Gun position at T-785205 at 0830 hrs. 25 dismounted men seen leaving wadi at X-8597 men were wearing dark uniforms observed.	81st	1st AD
x	18	0942	CP 7119, Rt. OP #1 7419, OP No. #2 6722.	776th	S-2
x	19	0945	2 Armd cars going east at 7823.	Rcn	S-2
x	20	0943	2 enemy observers on top of ridge at 7326. About 4 men went over the hill at 7823.	Rcn	S-2
x	21	1017	2 armd cars at 7724 coming out of wadi going behind ridge.	Rcn	S-2

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Near KAKNASSY
26TH MARCH 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	22	1035	INTERCEPT - 1 truck moving north at T-8495 stopped and unloaded men and then disappeared 0950 hrs. 2 men with field glasses who appeared to be Italian were seen at T-875037 at 1000 hrs.	81st	1st AD
x	23	1205	Column smoke rising from vicinity Y-9086. 1 man entered pass at Y-8597 from south and returned. 3 trucks and 2 small vehi. wadi near grove at Y-8597 at 1127 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	1st AD
x	24	1217	INTERCEPT - CP #2 now at Y-899099. No. 1 CP now at T-606133 new CP now at T-515Y15 at 1130 hrs.	81st Rcn	1st AD
x	25	1230	2 Y/C went in pass at 7826, also at 7821 unidentified objects are being observed.	Rcn	S-2
x	26	1310	3rd plat reports MG fire heard in vicinity 7126.	Rcn	S-2
x	27	1243	D-5 - A05 - At Y-5565, 5 trucks headed east. Nothing to Y-5183, 4 tanks at Y-7086. 6 Flak bursts at Y-6175.	BB	Moon S-2
x	28	1250	1200 hrs. is at T-785205 at 1225 hrs. 1 para. seen to drop vicinity T-9207, believed to be from disabled plane. 1225 hrs.	Rcn	1st AD
x	29	1255	10 unidentified men seen at Y-8597 at 1137 hrs. going north at 1138 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st Rcn	1st AD
x	30	1320	INTERCEPT - Small arms fire on road vicinity Y-9991 at 1000 hrs. 8 vehicles with large silhouette moving from Y-8594 to SE toward road 1115 hrs.	81st Rcn	1st AD
x	31	1421	INTERCEPT - All is well at Point 17. Greathouse. 1400 hrs.		1st AD
x	32	1450	INTERCEPT - 1 personal carrier moving east from ezzoune at T-889116 turned NW at 1330 hrs.	81st Rcn	1st AD
x	33	1500	Bombing of Z-0756 excellent destroyed one LE 109, one probably 2 damaged in air, no movement on roads seen.	BB	Moon S-2
x	34	1502	INTERCEPT - 2 arty shots were fired from the grove at Y-8495 calibre and target unknown.	81st Rcn	1st AD
x	35	1520	Continuous truck traffic on road T-8521 to T-7919, all day at rate 4 trucks per hour. Inf. advancing thru pass at T-8498 with mortars at 1410 hrs.	1st AD 81st Rcn	S-2
x	36	1525	Arty shells landing vicinity 7820.	Rcn	S-2
x	37	1553	Long rifle fire at 7427, also a Y/C came from T-7527 toward pass at 7826.	Rcn	S-2
x	38	1616	Some anti-tank guns probably 47mm at 7427, 6 or 7 shots in last few minutes.	Rcn	S-2
x	39	1615	No. 3 OP in previous msg. was in error. Correct No. 3 OP is at T-809068.	81st Rcn	S-2
x	40	1617	INTERCEPT - All is well at point 17, Greathouse 1600 hrs.		1st AD
x	41	1621	Some enemy activity seen at T-775187 and 2 men seen on ridge at T-772177 Arty fire in this area dispersed these men at 1602 INTERCEPT	81st	1st AD

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Near MAKHASSY ...
26TH MARCH 1943

IN	OUT	HO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	42	1725		No enemy activity observed on road from Y-7690 to Y-8595 at 1300 hrs. 5 trucks and 1 small vehicle moving NW at Y-6792 at this pt. 2 more vehicles joined them and they all moved on to SE at 1703 hrs.	81st Rcn	1st AD
x	43	1700		Elements 7 Pz. Regt. reported vicinity pass Y-6594, corps direct close watch.	CG CCB	S-2
x	44	1753		2 M/C and 15 to 20 men in mouth of pass at 7826.	Rcn	S-2
x	45	1823		Bombing attack on Z-0756 A/D. Bombs observed to hit on target area. LE 109's and FW 190's seen but no encounter, heavy Plak in target area.	BB	Moon S02
x	46	1900		Nothing to report, all quiet.	Rcn	S-2
x	47	1900		Nothing to report, all quiet.	776th	S-2
x	48	1948		Tanks can pass at this point 7421 - 1815 hrs.	776th	S-2
x	49	2000		Request recon same area as yesterday. T-9227 bivouac at T-7922. 4 trucks and M/C destroyed. 30 to 40 men on small vehicles going west on road at Y-9086.	BB	Moon S-2
x	50	2100		Request air recon. same areas as yesterday.	S-2	Air Group
x	51	2100		All quiet, Nothing to report.	Rcn	S-2
x	52	2100		All quiet, Nothing to report.	776th	S-2
x	53	2030		Terrain report covering area between T-6823 - T-7325. There is a good road between T-6823 - T-7024 suitable for any type of military traffic. This road is a result of Recon and other observation units traffic. At T-7024 the Mts. are impassable to all vehicles, but dismounted personnel could enter at this point (-T-7024). From T-7024 to T-7325 is over very rugged terrain suitable only for dismounted troops. The terrain is very rocky and affords very good cover for dismounted troops. There is considerable growth of brush from 5 to 8 feet high scattered over the area. Peeps can maneuver over the area, but it would be very slow.	RCN	S-2
x	54	2200		Rt. 1st pl. OP - 7219, all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x	55	2400		All clear, Nothing to report at midnight.	Rcn	S-2
x	56	2400		All quiet at midnight, Nothing to report.	776th	S-2

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PLACE- Hear MAKHASSYDATE- 27TH MARCH 1943

IN	CUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0001	Coded msg No. 5 granted. Recon mission will be flown.	BB	S-2
x		2	0025	For our information. The 210mm is firing tonight this is the first time it has fired at night. Forward observer reports some activity, it might be a push.	1st AD	S-2
x		3	0300	All plats & 776th reports all clear.	Ren	S-2
x		4	0430	All plats & 776th reports all clear	Ren	S-2
x		5	0540	Old Situation all clear.	Ren	S-2
x		6	0600	All plats & 776th reports all clear.	Ren	S-2
x		7	0625	Rt. 1st pl. 7017, 1st CP - 7218, English OP's 1st 6030, 2nd at 6428.	Ren	S-2
x		8	0700	6th Inf reports attack on right flank by about 1 Co. Inf. supported by arty at T-8815. The attack seems to have bogged down.	Cairns C/S	S-2
x		9	0713	OP reports 3 unidentified vehicles moving from 7629 towards 7822, 2 M/C's & 10 men at 7723.	Ren	S-2
x		10	0800	English OP's #1 - 7030, #2 - 6428 - 776TD - 4th pl. 6426. OP - 7419, 1st Pl. 13th Ren - 7017, OP - 7218. Ren 776th CP - 7119, 2nd pl. 13th 715233, OP 745245, CP - 6823 Ren	Ren	S-2
x		11	0805	Nothing seen on road C-8016 to P-1231. Nothing in T-8059. 25 trucks parked headed NE on road & 100 men around truck between T-8052 to T-8557.	BB	Moon S-2
x		12	0815	At T-7128 only arabs seen at U-0200, 1 JU 52 & 3 or 4 unidentified A/C. Train consisting of 10 Box & flat cars at U-0206. No traffic on road Z-0096 to T-5540. 6 trucks headed west at Y-7560.	BB	Moon S-2
x		13	0901	1st pl. est. 4 guns probably 105's at 7818 firing towards Makhassy.	Ren	S-2
x		14	0903	Air Ren. at 0700 hrs. reports following intense AA from vic. T-8535. Est. 300 men and 25 veh. parked facing northeast between T-8052 and T-8557, railroad train in Mezzouna facing east. One JU 52 on Mezzouna airfield 0815.	1st AD	S-2
x		15	0903	INTERCEPT -- Between hrs. OP. 2300 to 2400 hrs. 26 March about 15 veh. with lights headed east at about Y-8880 distance between lights led observer to believe that a column was on the move. Light enemy OP on hill at Y-6695, MG fire drawn from about that point 0836 hrs.	81st Ren	1st AD
x		16	0955	2 enemy Ren planes flew over Makhassy.	Ren	S-2
x		17	1033	1 U.S. W/T came out of pass and returned through pass.	Ren	S-2
x		18	1005	D-7, AC-3 trenches at T-8813 bombed with good results. Smoke over target. No ground movement seen except at target small movement.	BB	Moon S-2
x		19	1050	Flank force had lost four tanks three days ago at T-7229. These tanks were destroyed by FF after 3 had hit mine and one had become bogged down. Minefields is along road from T-7229 to T-7427.	T. F. Lislon	S-2

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IN OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	20	1105	Sound of tommy gun fire from direction of mine. OP reports to get in cactus neutralized.	Ren S-2
x	21	1105	Bombs dropped on 10 RR cars at 2 mile south of U-9207. Near hits and hits on track observed. No movement observed U-0309 is deserted of aircraft.	Moon 1st AD S-2
x	22	1127	Some activity in cactus patch T-7626 neutralized by our arty fire. A few veh. observed moving in pass at T-785255. Some activity at T-7823 - T7822.	S-2 1st AD
x	23	1135	Arty seems to have withdrawn behind hill at T-772215.	Ren S-2
x	24	1150	Two light veh. seen on small road trail approaching point 17 from SW left road as allied planes flow over Greathouse	81st Ren 1st AD
x	25	1230	They are sending out patrols to meet our people. Reports Falk Pass and Dj. Kasina held by enemy. This patrol is waiting for ours at T-6428.	D. Y. S-2
x	26	1295	RNO 21 - Recon 210mm guns firing on us east of T-8811. Bomb if located.	Fastcar BB S-2
x	27	1235	D9, AO-6 at Y-7373 30 veh. 2 to 3 with white stars. 30 small size bombs lying on road at same point med. Flak encountered at same point.	BB Moon S-2
x	28	1215	3 Bn of 92 Italian Inf. Regt. believed Dj. Naemia area 580 German Ren Bn has ordered 100 mines for laying in Meheri Xebbeus area.	1st AD S-2
x	29	1300	Correction on AO-6 coordinates should read Y-7374 instead of Y-7378. AO-5 Kairouan - AO - looks deserted except for two Fw 190 in revetment & ME 109's on AD destroyed DEA encountered in air. No movement seen in area of Kairouan or Pichon.	BB Moon S-2
x	30	1335	Charter Oak blossoms is patrolling 7320 to 7522.	776th S-2
x	31	1345	24 mines found 6427 centre of pass impassable for vehicles. report from spirit roses patrol that contacted Hobo.	Oboe S-2
x	32	1400	There is a small minefield (24 mines) at T-635257 the mines are not being lifted.	S-2 1st AD All Units
x	33	1425	Nothing to report from OP 4 & 5 visibility poor. INTERCEPT	81st Ren 1st AD
x	34	1445	2 - 88mm report at T-8913 at 1355 hrs. 2 MK & reported located at T-915115 at 1305 hrs. and 4 - 88mm at 915135, 6 mortars and C.O. 2 SP's observed going into pass at T-779145 at 1422 hrs.	6th 1st AD
x	35	1528	The enemy reported has scattered under arty fire, no tanks were observed in that area 1524 hrs.	CCA 1st AD
x	36	1627	INTERCEPT - NR 3 heavy truck & motorcycle seen passing along road to SW of P.17 at 1610 hrs.	Great-house CCA
x	37	1610	One unidentified vehicle moving south of pass at Y-8496 - 1535 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st Ren. 1st AD
x	38	1615	OP's T-890075, 865016, 750937, 760949, 791949, 815981	81st 1st AD
x	39	1615	O.P. Y-830985	776th S-2

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PLACE- Near Naknassy

DATE-27TH MARCH 1943

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IN. OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	40 1615	O.P. T-830132	1st Bn 6th	S-2
x	41 1650	Attack on Dj. Naemia, Bombs observed to hit in target area 3 tanks K-4 at T-8714 concrete emplacements seen in target area.	BB	Moon S-2
x	42 1700	Recon. Pichen area 10 - 12 trucks moving north at 0-0607.	BB	Moon S-2
x	43 1700	Your NR 6 last report of airdrome mission located north of town. No aircraft noticed on recent photos. No revetments. British advance continues in south.	BB	S-2
x	44 1715	There is a minefield on the track at T-7328.	S-2	1st AD
x	45 1755	INTERCEPT - OP reports unidentified mortar fire near entrance to pass at Y-8596 at 1715 hrs.	81st	1st AD
x	46 1852	Enemy motor park neutralized and 4 vehicles burned at T-845159. OP at T-852166 neutralized at 1530 hrs. 2 guns at T-7626 destroyed & Btry neutralized. 2 MK 4's claimed at T-895136.	1st AD	All Units
x	47 1905	INTERCEPT - Situation report 1200 hrs. to 1800 hrs. Visibility continued poor. CP at Dj. Naizila at T-7326 still occupied, much fire heard during period east and northeast of Dj. Kraisa. Patrols reports no vehicle tracks between T-7090 and T-7580. No enemy evacuated this route. 1830 hrs. Rt. CP - 2835.	1st D.Y.	1st AD
x	48 2000	My night patrol was as far as the point specified position was checked by me, further most post was 741212, where we made contact with 1st pl. wadi can be crossed at approx. 737225. It was crossed by my patrols and also by H.G.'s tanks. OP will be on Forward ridge. Patrols tonight will be foot patrols from 737236 to 760238. wadi running NE from 741212 is impassable at this point. Further crossings to the NE will be sought tonight.	RCN	S-2
x	49 2200	All clear, nothing to report.	Ren	S-2
x	50 2400	Nothing to report, all quiet.	Ren	S-2

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PLACE- Near MANNASSY

DATE- 28TH MARCH 1943

IN/OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1 0045	Reports all clear, 1st plat.	RCN	S-2
x	2 0230	One unidentified vehicle has been running around in the pass all else quiet.	Rcn	S-2
x	3 0300	1st plat. reports MG & arty fire. 2nd & 3rd plats. report all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x	4 0400	Nothing to report. All quiet.	Rcn	S-2
x	5 0500	All quiet, nothing to report.	Rcn	S-2
x	6 0540	2nd plat. reports one or two vehicles moving around, all that was heard in vicinity of pass & cactus patch.	Rcn	S-2
x	7 0635	Still some activity in vicinity of cactus patch. 1 truck going west from the pass towards the patch, truck is pulling a gun, close watch is being made for exact coordinates.	Rcn	S-2
x	8 0610	Nothing to report 0600 hrs.	1st D.Y.	1st AD
x	9 0645	Explosions heard in and around grove south of pass Y-8596 unknown origin and type of explosions. Heavy motor noise heard from same vicinity believed to be tanks 0535 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st Rcn	1st AD
x	10 0800	All quiet, nothing to report. No activity seen.	Oboe	S-2
x	11 0847	Faid Pass - Pondouk area. Nothing seen in vicinity of O-6520. 6 dispersed trucks in vicinity of T-9053. Light inaccurate tank in vicinity.	EB	Mon S-2
x	12 0913	Small arms fire can be heard in vicinity of 7918 to 7916.	Rcn	S-2
x	13 0830	For this campaign only:- 1. Number of Prisoners taken;- 1 German Pilot, 1 Italian Officer, 47 E. M. 2. Number of tanks knocked out;- 3 3. Number of MG's, pill boxes;- 5, Artillery;- 2 4. Any other information of destruction of enemy equipment - 2 small ammunition dumps, - 1 MB 109, 1 Engineers Co. equipment.	PANTHER	S-2
x	14 0846	Map reference in message of 1400 hrs. from this section should read T-635175 and not T-635257.	S-2	1st AD All Unit
x	15 0855	6 to 8 vehicles moving toward T-9096 from grove vicinity T-8596 - 0820 hrs.	81st	1st AD
x	16 0900	OP reports approx. 50 veh. appear to be trucks moving from SW to village vic. Y-8996 veh. have windshields & appear to be supply vehicles, 0850 hrs.	81st	1st AD
x	17 0900	1 MB 109 destroyed on ground at Z-0095, 2 trucks damaged at Y-6478, 12 groups of veh. some possibly tanks, 10 to 12 in each group parked between Sekret Si Mannour & Sekret En Nonal	EB	Mon S-2
x	18 0940	OP-5 reports 3 veh. moving from pass south into grove vicinity Y-8494, they appear to be one light Armd veh. & two 81st large trucks or tanks.	81st	1st AD
x	19 0955	Enemy arty fire of high velocity still landing vic. rd. bridge cannot tell from where it is coming, 0954 hrs.	CGA	1st AD

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PLACE - Near MALKASSYDATE - 28TH MARCH 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	20	1045	1st pl. patrol contacted friendly patrol & all is clear at 0948		Ren	S-2
x	21	1145	1 gun approx 77th direction 7921 just came over the hill		Ren	S-2
x	22	1112	Rt. 776th T. D. is 7118.		776th	S-2
x	23	1101	INTERCEPT - One truck previously reported in road at Y-355962 - 1050 hrs.		81st	1st AD
x	24	1103	INTERCEPT - 4 vehicles observed moving east along road at Y-355962, 1050 hrs.		81st Ren	1st AD
x	25	1130	10 tanks at V-0095, 5 trucks at Y-6478, 120 vehicles including tanks reported in area Y-7769 - Y-8178 - Y-8880 observed by air at 0900 hrs.		1st AD	S-2
x	26	1214	No activity at T-7921, enemy btry at 7922, 1210 hrs. Firing heard to north, small arms and explosions at 1225 hrs. Derby Yeo patrol at 6326 at 1230 hrs. 1st pl. has had to leave area of T-6326 under fire. Derby Yeo reports and hears no firing north of us. Spirit Rose (776) reports enemy CP 780207 at 1240 hrs.		REN	S-2
x	27	1250	500 Ren Co. have laid 200 mines between T-7725 and T-7524.		S-2	All Units
x	28	1250	500 Ren Co. has laid 200 mines between T-7725 and T-7524.			S-2
x	29	1310	776th T.D. CP T-7118. Rt. patrol 725760		776th	S-2
x	30	1315	Rt. 3rd pl. CP 7326, OP #2 - 7425, Rt. CP - 7224, 1st pl. OP - 7119. CP 1st pl. 7118 OP #2 - 7415.		Ren	S-2
x	31	1315	1815 hrs. 27 March 43. Minefield crosses road at T-635275 and runs east and west approx. 30 ft. across road. There are piles of rock at north and south approaches from road. Surrounding boulders are clearly marked with crosses.		3rd pl. 776 Ren	S-2
x	32	1325	Minefield crosses road at T-635275 and runs east and west approx. 30 ft. across road. There are piles of rock at north and south approaches from road. Surrounding boulders are clearly marked with crosses.		S-2	All Units 1st AD
x	33	1330	Rt. 2nd Pl. #1 OP - 737236, #2 OP - 740237, #3 OP - 742240. Ren CP - 6823.		Ren	S-2
x	34	1340	2nd pl. patrol reports 4 or 5 guns positions in cactus patch, 2 or 3 positions south of pass and 35 men in cactus patch all around guns.		Ren	S-2
x	35	1340	Enemy tanks reported at 872156.		S-2	All Units
x	36	1320	Malkassy area SE many cars and tanks dispersed moving SE in area Y-8080 - Y-8982 - Y-8579 - Y-8290. Flak in same area, mixed tanks along road Y-7388 to Y-8495. 8 mixed vehicles moving west Y-7388, 1 truck destroyed and 1 damaged at Y-7388, communication lines broken at Y-9396.		BB	S-2

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PLACE—Near MAKHASSY

DATE—28TH MARCH 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	37	1320		British Ren on patrol at P-17 fired on enemy patrol was then fired on by light mortars. Request permission to return mortar fire as we know approx. location of enemy LG, enemy OP and enemy mortars. INTERCEPT	Great-house	1st AD
x	38	1335		Situation report from 0600 hrs. to 1200 hrs. maximum visibility 1 1/2 miles, patrol from unit 182199 through unit 192V04, and T-356010, reached T-659E56. No enemy movement seen or heard. Inf. patrol of 20 Italians engaged Sidi Bou Sid area, enemy OPs at T-7651 and T-7326. Still active patrols from T-714073 went through T-834204 to T-834 Vll. No enemy movements seen or heard. Arabs report DJ. Sagra clear and patrol confirms northern end clear. No further enemy movement to report from our area. 1230 hrs.	1st Derby Yeo.	1st AD
x	39	1400		Friendly plane flew very low through pass and drew no fire at all.	Rcn	S-2
x	40	1350		Section of Fonderak area, 4 trucks headed west at U-7320.		S-2
x	41	1352		D-20 your message No. 4 latest report indicates A/D at Kebilia not in use.	BB	S-2
x	42	1400		Confidential enemy minefields of 200 mines between T-7725 and T-7524, learned by radio intercept. Confidential	1st AD	S-2
x	43	1415		Request fire at 79 by 58th F.A.	CCA	1st AD
x	44	1530		D-21, AO 7 - Route Y-5865 thru pass and east to U-1000 circled and returned 15 - 20 tanks at Y-6575 dispersed. 15 - 20 tanks dispersed at T-8025, 25 trucks going south east at Y-7662, light Flak from U-800 0507, 1 truck destroyed at T-9025, 1 gun position destroyed and another strafed at T-9020, Mezzouna A/D appears deserted, 1530 hrs.	BB	Moon S-2
x	45	1530		The OP at 7319 talked with patrols that have traversed the subject at hard to its SE extremity, the OP at 7415 worked north to 7317 and south to 755155 at these points contacted friendly patrols of 81st Rcn on the south on the same mission. The patrol on the east was forced back by hostile artillery.	Rcn	S-2
x	46	1555		4 unidentified vehicles observed moving east 760898 1535 hrs.	81st	1st AD
x	47	1610		Enemy btry reported active at T-780135, information unverified. at 1600 hrs.	1st AD	S-2
x	48	1618		INTERCEPT - Request location of your CP, 1612 hrs.	6th Inf	81st
x	49	1618		1st plat. reports 1 81mm mortar and 1 75 assault gun in vicinity of mines. Enemy OP at 7821 and 2 men on north side of slope. Smoke seen in area 7919.	Rcn	S-2
x	50	1618		One FW 190 flew over this CP at 1600 hrs.		S-2
x	51	1630		Ref. your msg of 1612. Location is T-615D46, 1618 hrs.	81st Rcn	6th Inf.
x	52	1641		INTERCEPT - One vehicle moving west at Y-825930 at 1559A. One vehicle moving west at Y-8292 appears to be a tank. Arty seems to be coming from Y-8896	81st Rcn	1st AD

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PLACE - Near MAKNASSY

DATE - 28TH MARCH 1943

IN-OUT-NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 53	1700	No telephone, enemy arty fire 500 yds east of here.	CCA	DIV
x 54	1712	D-23, AO-11 - Over area T-9338 to U-0862 and Faid Pass, saw nothing of anything of enemy.	BB	S-2
x 55	1735	D-24 AO-12, Over road at Y-1050, Gafsa along road from Y-4264 to Y-9057. No activity on road from Y-4264 to 9057, smoke and dust at Y-3362. Smoke at Y-4274.	BB	S-2
x 56	1750	D-25, AO-12, 15 trucks moving Sw between Y-6171 and Y-6577. No further movement sighted over area 45 minutes.	BB	S-2
x 57	1750	7 veh. moving NW from vic. Z-0799 moving slowly and raising much dust appear to be tanks.	GREAT-HOUSE	DIV
x 58	1809	Passes at Y-6795 and Y-8698 reported to be passable by French Source.	S-2	1st AD
x 59	1845	INTERCEPT - 10 vehicles moving NW into Kessouna, they appear to be part same convoy mentioned in our msg of 1643 hrs. 21st	S-2	1st AD
		vehicles are moving slowly and raising much dust, appear to be tanks.		
x 60	2015	Information coming from one of Leo's F.O. and 2nd pl. says that the firing should have been very effective, direct hits was scored on two gun positions in vicinity of pass, another gun position north of pass received a close hit at a 12 yd. distance, cactus sector wadi that runs thru it were Italians seeking cover received 9 or 10 direct hits. Leo says it was excellent firing.	Rcn	S-2
x 61	2105	At 2010 hrs. 2 white flares observed at 2030 and a red and green flare at 2045. 1 green flare during the period, white and red tracer fire in vicinity southeast mining town.	Rcn	S-2
x 62	2100	All clear 2nd & 3rd plate & 776th T.B.	Rcn	S-2
x 63	2120	Situation report 1200 hrs. to 1800 hrs. Jeep patrol to T-7564 from T-7189 encountered Italian foot patrol of 25 men one of our vehicles captured. Cued from T-796434 to T-541543 proves obstacles to be Armd cars and area T-984U01 to U142C03 impassable to same. T-942E13 clear of enemy between T-6766 and T-8266 exclusive appears clear of enemy. No movement seen Faid Pass, LG fire heard from T-7951 DJ. KSAIRA still occupied by enemy CP's. No movement seen Dj. Seagdal T-7539 and Dj. Bagra T-7335 pass at T-7527 still occupied by enemy, Sidi Bou Sid was entered by our patrols and found clear of Italians. Referred to in our 1200 hrs. situation report. 1945	1st D.Y.	1st AD
x 64	2120	Gun fire seen by us east Sidi Bou Sid probably usual Etry at T-7955 INTERCEPT	1st AD	
x 65	2145	Many red tracers and green flares observed southeast of mining town.	Rcn	S-2
x 66	2200	All clear, Nothing to report.	Rcn	S-2

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PLACE - Near MARNASSY

DATE - 29TH MARCH 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0005	All clear, Nothing to report.	Rcn	S-2
x		2	0130	All clear, 2nd plat.	Rcn	S-2
x		3	0230	All clear from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 776th T.D.	Rcn	S-2
x		4	0430	All clear, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 776th T.D.	Rcn	S-2
x		5	0500	All clear, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 776th T.D.	Rcn	S-2
x		6	0500	All clear and quiet, Rcn Co. & 776th T.D.	Rcn	S-2
x		7	0535	2nd plat reports flare went up within last 5 minutes.	Rcn	S-2
x		8	0730	D-30, AO-1 To T-5020 to T-8030 eastside of Mt. to O-9020 to O-7423. No enemy traffic installations or concentration observed.	BB	Moon S-2
x		9	0758	2 arm cars pass thru the pass & turned east.	Rcn	S-2
x		10	0808	1 cycle came from S. going NE vic. mining town. 1 American H/T came east thru pass & turned north. 1 gun believed to be 77mm at 7716.	Rcn	S-2
x		11	0842	At 7821 there are 15 or 20 men moving around in the bushes.	Rcn	S-2
x		12	0825	D-2, AO-2, Malnassy - El Guetter area fired upon by friendly troops T-9020 at 8072. 20 - 30 trucks going north east, 1 tank and truck at Y-5550. Flak from here. 40 trucks parked at Y-4563.	BB	Moon S-2
x		13	0825	Request heavy bombers, 2 to 4 - 155mm 500 yds. west of low ridge, 2000 yds at 100° magnetic from U-0107. Shelling road 12 Km due east of U-1007.	Fastcar	BB S-2
x		14	0935	Air reports no enemy activity seen along T-5020 to T-8030 to O-9020, 25 trucks moving NE at Y-8072, 40 trucks parked at Y-4563. Observation at 0730 hrs.	1st AD	All Units.
x		15	1100	Co. D 16th Engrs. will test fire small arms in area T-655 182 at 1300 today.	BEALE S-3	2/13th 27th FA Rcn Co. HQ CCB
x		16	1115	6 to 8 parachutists landed 3 miles east of Sbeitla at 0830 hrs.	1st AD	All Units
x		17	1125	15 to 20 trucks with some guns dispersed at Y-9098, 40 trucks at CR Z-095960 moving NW. 100 trucks just east of CR Z-095960 moving W. at 1050 hrs.	1st AD	All Units.
x		18	1115	D-7, AO-3, 0750 to 0850 hrs. La Fanconnerie A/D at U-2653 18/20 A/C in revetments. A/D at U-2955 - B/AC intense Flak over road to La Fanconnerie. Dust clouds 5 miles N. of Mezzouina, 6 vehicles at U-1338, encampment just east of vehicles. Large amount of black smoke at U-0738. 2 miles N. of fire appear to be landing fields E/A encountered near Tauconneri 2 E/A destroyed. 3 E/A destroyed at T-9652 & 4 damaged. 2 E/A destroyed near Sbeitla.	BB	Moon S-2
x		19	1020	Please check T-7253 for crashed plane.	BB	Private

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE - Near Maknassy

DATE -- 29TH MARCH 1943.

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	20	1049		8th Army Bomb line is Z-2132 west to Y-3030.	BB	Moon S-2
x	21	1150		100 troops moving out of pass Y-850970, at 1120 hrs.	1st AD	All Unit
x	22	1240		3rd plnt reports that they believed they scored a direct hit on the AT gun & believe to have got some personnel on gun.	Rcn	S-2
x	23	1432		Recon of Dj. Berda & area at Y-4354. 1 tan colored truck at Y-6050 headed N.E. Nothing seen at Y-4352 or Y-3154.	BB	Moon S-2
x	24	1145		Dust clouds observed 4 miles north Mezouana, 6 vehicles & camp vicinity U-1338 observed by air at 0940 hrs.	1st AD	All Unit
x	25	1515		3rd plnt scored a direct hit on a MG position & blew 1 man up and the ammunition and the MG at coordinates 748 254.	Rcn	S-2
x	26	1520		3rd plnt OP reports no activity could be seen in the pass observed 1 man in cactus patch. We spotted an AA gun in cactus patch also some mortar fire but undetermined from where.	Rcn	S-2
x	27	1705		All well at P17 Greathouse 1700 hrs. INTERCEPT	CCA	1st AD
x	28	1650		D-13 AOMR 8 - 1445 to 1545 hrs. Attacked on target at U-0006 bombed in that area on station and gun position. Gun flashed at T-9913. 5 trucks at T-9514. Also slit trenches two tanks and troop concentrations in gully at V-0003, 3 gun positions & concrete pill box at T-9704, smoke signal at T-8512, T-8709, T-9200 results believed good Flak at target & T-9705.	BB	Moon S-2
x	29	1855		2 plnts. reports spotting 2 gun position of large calibre close together at 771182.	Rcn	S-2
x	30	2030		Air Rcn 1530. reports 2 tanks & troop concentration in gully at U-0003, 3 gun positions & cement pill boxes at T-9704. 5 trucks at T-9514 also slit trenches AA fire received T-9705 at 2000 hrs.	1st AD	S-2
x	31	2350		9th Div. held up suffered high casualties from defiladed Art. Division attacks at 0300 hrs. on hill 369 enemy arty SMITH now known to be well hidden east of hill area Y-4064, Y-4264, Y-4164, Y-4360. Urgently request heavy bombing of this at daylight.		S-2
x	32	2400		All clear, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 76th T.D.	Rcn	S-2

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Place - Near MANKASSY

DATE - 30TH MARCH 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0230	Broom and his boys are back, they were run out by MG and mortar fire. They got 4 prisoners (German) also 4 of his men are missing cut off by MG fire, but these men reported back safely.	Rcn	S-2
x	2	0300	All 3 platoons and 776th T.D. report all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x	3	0554	1 truck came from east and turned north the other side of pass.	Rcn	S-2
x	4	0720	Results of cactus patch is as follows greater activity & more Inf. in the patch, a patrol that investigated the enemy outpost said it was knocked out and the enemy have not put it back in operation, but they have two more with MG and guns are dug in they are located at 748255 and 744252 preparations are being made to take care of same. The plats report all clear at 0700 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
	5	0725	Weather forecast for 30 March, widely scattered light showers in afternoon.	1st AD	All
x	6	0800	All clear	Rcn	S-2
x	7	0900	Artillery bursts in vicinity of 7820 and 7921	Rcn	S-2
x	8	0900	Bombing attack on La Fauconnerie A/D heavy intense Flak over target, 4 ME 109's attacked formation 2 destroyed, 1 probable, A/D with 30/40 A/C at U-2557 bombs appear to hit target.	BB	S-2
x	9	1000	All plats & 776th report all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x	10	1030	Recon of Dj. Chemsî - 0815 hrs. to 0955 hrs. heavy traffic on road between Y-4862 and Y-6376 headed by trucks and personnel dug in at Y-5570, 3 MG's silenced Y-6268. Truck burned at Y-6370.	BB	S-2
x	11	1039	Unmarked mine field exists to north and south of Gafsa road vicinity Y-413950. Engineers starting work Ack.	1st AD	All Units.
x	12	1100	Will have low flying planes over your area about 1120 hrs.	BB	S-2
x	13	1110	Spot 3 ME 109 destroyed and 4 FW 190 destroyed more later.	BB	S-2
x	14	1135	Unmarked minefields exists to N & S of road at Y-413950 engineers starting work.	S-2	All Unit
x	15	1145	Maintenance will test fire at 1400 hrs. in vicinity T-582200.	S-2	All Unit
	16		I am your brother from American & would like to speak to you about the situation here. The Mareth line is now in the hands of the English and 1000 Prisoners were taken. In the past 10 days 6000 prisoners total were taken. The city of Mareth is also in English hands. The British Fleet shelled Gabes the other night. If you do not believe me then which way do you want to go, or which way are you going.	27th F.A.	BROAD- CAST
x	17	1230	Bombs dropped on vehicles concentration at Y-6475 at 1120 hrs. results believed good.	BB	S-2
x	18	1300	3 Anti-tank guns located at 779258 & 778260 & 775262 they are 75mm and are located along a wadi impossible to make a direct hit on them on east side of pass a little road cuts to the north 783261 possible German C.P.	Rcn	S-2

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PLACE: Near MAKNASSY

DATE: 30TH MARCH 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	19		Firing 9 rds. at moving caravan at 790205. Target disappeared after last shot.		
x	20	1400	INTERCEPT - Traffic on El Guettar road continues, at same rate eastward of 10 to 12 vehicles per hour range from OP to road too great for positive identification but believe vehicles to be of wheel type, probably trucks.	Great-	house CCA
x	21	1435	Vehicle activity 8024. Firing at 7826.	Rcn	776 S-2
x	22	1445	Bombing Khemsi pass bombs thought to hit area both sides of road at Y-6564. Med. amount of traffic halted on road from Y-7070 to 5 miles east. Artillery fire falling on NE slope of Dj. Berda	BB	S-2
x	23	1445	Rcn of Maknassy - Mezouna area - 20 parked trucks and hospital tent at U-0304, 2 veh. parked at Y-5664, light flak at Y-5070, U-0304, U-0204, and Y-4570. 8 white tents Y-4384.	BB	S-2
x	24	1520	Bombs dropped on 20 trucks at Y-6475. 6 trucks seen dispersed along road at Y-6583. 15-20 trucks moving about at Y-5263. No traffic on roads out of pass and north. Time of observation 1330 - 1425 hrs.	BB	S-2
x	25	1530	Sweep over Fondouk small amount of Flak over Fondouk a few trucks and Bivouac area in waddy at O-8707.	BB	S-2
x	26		Dust column seen between 7412 & 7615	DIV	S-2
x	27	1805	At 1700 hrs. 100 vehicles in wadi from Y-6272 to Y-6575. Bombed very successfully. Believed majority knocked. Light Flak from south slope of Dj. Chemsi at Y-4878 - 8 vehicles.	BB	S-2
x	28	2030	Reply your MR5. Bombers reported over Maknassy area from 0001 to 0500 hrs. today. Fragmentation and demolition bombs dropped road from Maknassy to Sened strafed, pink and white flares were dropped. Also many booby traps. Some bread-basket type bombs dropped. area #1 Sidi Bou Sid - Maknassy - Sfax - and highway Cekhisa - Kairouan.	BB	S-2
x	29	2100	All clear, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd plats. & 776th	Rcn	S-2
x	30	2400	All plats report all clear & 776th	Rcn	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE - Near MAGNASSY

DATE - 31ST MARCH 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0045	Information received from affect positions in front of Philly there is much enemy activity consisting of vehicles as well as Inf. F.A. (22) Units shooting up flares to get positions.	G-3 1st AD	S-2
x		2	0300	All plats and 776th T.D. report all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x		3	0600	All plats and 776th T.D. report all quiet.	Rcn	S-2
x		4	0719	Assault gun fire on enemy gun position east side of pass they were then chased to the west side and brought under fire and scattered into hills. 2 men killed for certain.	Rcn	S-2
x		5	0730	Slight activity in cactus patch, men walking around in patch, groups of two men walking in vicinity of 7926 in pass going into cactus patch, all activity dismounted.	Rcn	S-2
x		6	0740	Intense light Flak over eastside slope, Dj. Berda, arty fire in same vicinity, 6 large trucks moving south in wadi at 0610. Flew at 3000 ft.	BB	S-2
x		7	0822	5 men moving from center of cactus patch to the left about 150 yds. carrying boxes to gun position.	Rcn	S-2
x		8	0918	Artillery landing here coming from 774215.	Rcn	S-2
x	x	9	0920	Hostile arty fire from T-724215 at 0918 hrs.	S-2	Rcn
x		10	0831	Recon of Fondouk area encountered 4 to 8 ME 109 at 0-8515 no claims, fired upon by troops below. Two of our planes damaged.	DB	S-2
x		11	0922	Several Sabos just landed 745215.	S-2	1st AD
x		12	0936	OP reports gun is just over the ridge S. of pass, they cannot see the gun.	Rcn	S-2
x		13	0942	Arty fire requested to knock out enemy guns at 7819.	Rcn	S-2
x		14	1020	6 vehicles moved east on El Guettar road last three hrs. same traffic between Olive and mountains, approx. 5 miles from P-17. INTERCEPT	Great-house	CCA
x		15	1043	Over O-8116 no movement sighted.	DB	S-2
x		16	1100	CCA target seems to be vehicles moving along ridge 7918 to 7919. No. of vehicles unknown.	Rcn	S-2
x		17	1120	Butterfly bomb painted yellow cylindrical shape approx. 4 x 3 inches in size with a 3/4 inch red stripe cross each end may have been dropped in area by hostile aircraft. If seen there should be on no occasion be touched but marked and reported to this Hq.	S-2	All Units
x		18	1103	The vehicles that CCA is firing on is going both ways on the ridge.	Rcn	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE - Near FAKNASSY

DATE - 31ST MARCH 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	NO.
x	19	1201		Hostile artillery barrage falling in vicinity of wadi coming from 7918, falling at 7618.	Rcn	S-2
x	20	1205		All is well at P 17 INTERCEPT	Great-house	1st AD
mm x	21	1207		An 8 wheeled armored car seen at T-785256 at 1205 hrs.	1st AD	S-2
x	22	1207		Arty fire from T-7918.	S-2	1st AD
x	23	1208		8 wheeled car was seen coming through pass, coming east and turning north at the other end of the pass, in back of hill. coordinates 785256.	Rcn	S-2
x	24	1245		Heavy traffic mostly westward on road that are beyond El Buettar road. Heavy clouds of dust indicate this visibility rather poor from P-17 to these roads 1320 hrs.	GREAT-house	CCA
x	25	1245		10 tanks moving into smoke screen at 7719 going west.	S-2	1st AD
x	26	1250		Tanks now reported 12 in number.	S-2	1st AD
x	27	1140		No activity observed on road valley and south of Dj. Berda heavy traffic on road from Y-5042 to Y-8045, 35 trucks destroyed 0935 hrs.	EB	S-2
x	28	1258		14 tanks at 7820 moving west thought to be Mk IV being engaged by our guns.	S-2	1st AD
x	29	1301		14 tanks stopped at 775195 now turning and heading east. one tank already hit.	S-2	1st AD
x	30	1304		5 tanks turning north, 13 continued east rapidly now 18 can be counted.	S-2	1st AD
x	31	1307		Enemy attempting to pull out into tanks around hill at 785215.	S-2	1st AD
x	32	1310		Tanks disappeared at 775215, 2 tanks were hit, 1 being pulled, one limping.	Rcn	S-2
x	33	1350		All tanks including one being towed out of sight, last seen moving east, area T-785215.	S-2	1st AD
x	34	1342		Total of 22 tanks now in area T-7019, 1306 hrs. enemy is using smoke screen 1320 hrs.	1st AD	S-2
x	35	1345		Can you see any of those tanks you reported and if so what are the coordinates.	CCA	S-2
x	36	1445		Gun position observed T-775215 taken under fire enemy tanks moving west from line.	Rcn	S-2
x	37	1545		Air Ren reports 36 tanks north of Sebket at Y-9585 other vehicles same vicinity, 6 trucks at Base of hill at T-9901 observed at 1300 hrs.	1st AD	All Units.
x	38	1628		A column of black smoke at 7923.	Rcn	S-2

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PLACE - Near MAKHASSY

DATE - 31ST MARCH 1943

IN-OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 39	1620	D-17, AC-8 Sweep of El Guettar area 1420 hrs. to 1550 hrs. 5 to 8 FW 190 encountered Bou Hamman area, no encounter traffic on Gabes road east from Y-5865.	BB	S-2
x 40	1713	1 Gun located at 745255, 2nd plat. located this gun, 3rd plat. unable to see it. 1st plat can also see gun.	Rcn	S-2
x 41	1720	6 or 7 tanks milling around 7825.	Rcn	S-2
x 42	1740	Mountains is clear from T-800150, T-815155, Btry 88's at 816165, Btry 75's at 8522, 8 tanks and one towed gun at 8722. Enemy appear to be digging in on NW slope.	Rcn	S-2.
x 43	1700	Road beyond El Guettar, road strafed 1800 hrs. observed 3 large vehicles smoking. INTERCEPT	Great-house	CCA
x 44	1807	Enemy F.A. Btry at 7818	S-2	1st AD
x 45	1845	A smoke screen being laid at 7918.	Rcn	S-2
x 46	1845	4 trucks entered pass at east T-790255.	6-Inf	S-2
x 47	1900	There was one btry hostile arty picked up at 7818. They are given Von Ainim trouble.	Rcn	S-2
x 48		Danger moving forward considerable reinforcements of enemy by Inf. and A.Tk & Arty. No report on Denson. Corps confirms landing at 31st. 0945 hrs.		
x 49	1740	Leading vehicle 8th Army supply convoy using Gabes road when drawing from dump in II Corps area, will fly Union Jack for recognition purposes.	1st AD	II Corps
x 50	2100	All clear, 1st, 2nd and 3rd plats. and 776th T.D.	Rcn	S-2
x 51	2400	All plats and 776th T.D. report all clear.	Rcn	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE - Near MAKNASSY

DATE - 1ST APRIL 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0245	1st, 2nd, 3rd plats and 776th repts all clear	Rcn	S-2
x	2	0430	All clear	Rcn	S-2
x	3	0600	Area 73235 clear of enemy	Rcn	S-2
x	4	0630	Nothing to report all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x	5	0632	Hostile tanks firing and friendly artillery firing, at 8017 and 8117.	Rcn	S-2
x	6	0651	Tanks moving from Maknassy to the north unidentified, OP now established, new OP at 7325, possible btry of guns at 7716, maybe Anti tank.	Rcn	S-2
x	7	0716	No activity or movement reported by any of our OP's, only activity this morning one truck observed moving N E at 7823	S-2	1st AD
x	8	0745	There is one btry of artillery at 7716 or near vicinity but no target at 7716 that they can see, this btry has not fired yet this morning.	Rcn	S-2
x	9	0815	Our Inf. at T-625282 and T-927E91, much enemy Inf. encountered also much artillery, no enemy armour yet encountered, believed 3 MK 6's being used as mobile artillery. INTERCEPT	CCA	1st AD
x	10	0831	Recon of Fondouk area a few vehicles headed east from Fondouk little else seen, light intense flak at O-7513 and in Paid area.	BB	S-2
x	11	0850	3 guns or btry firing from 775200.	RCN	S-2
x	12	0920	Heavy traffic observed by air moving east on Gum Tree road. Tanks among vehicles, enemy vehicles dispersed north of Sebket Naual Y-9585	1st AD	S-2
x	13	0918	15/20 men seen on ridge between 769202 and 770208, 5/6 men from pass and went south to 700205.	Rcn	S-2
x	14	0930	3/ 1/C at 7821 went east across country.	Rcn	S-2
x	15	0950	5 MK 6 German tanks reported at T-7825 at 0930	1st AD	S-2
x	16	1052	3rd plat 722a, 2nd plat 712a, Negative report.	Rcn	S-2
x	17	1116	Artillery piece of unknown caliber at 7917. INTERCEPT	CCA	1st AD
x	18	1127	INTERCEPT - Artillery definitely located at T-7917.	CCA	1st AD
x	19	1208	INTERCEPT - 2 or 3 unidentified vehicles at T-783164 dug in gun, gun type unknown at T-771176.	1st AD	S-2
x	20	1200	4 MK 4 tanks observed moving into Wadi at T-855170.	1st AD	All Unit
x	21	1200	As of 1000 hrs. corner of battle area report 20 trucks mvg north of road south of road junction at Y-4063.	BB	S-2
x	22	1250	Enemy battery believed 88mm at T-9012 at 1200 hrs.	Spec. Mission	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE--Near MAKASSYDATE--1ST APRIL 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	23	1300	4 or 5 IK & tanks at T-859219 moving west at 1205 hrs. At 1215 tanks were T-7121 moving south, one large gun at 8012. 3 IK & tanks at T-890220 at 1125 moving northwest at 1200 hrs. were at 880150 1230 hrs.	6th Inf	1st AD
			INTERCEPT		
X	24	1336	Anti personnel bombs booby traps type have been dropped in area T-2916.	1st AD	All Units
x	25	1337	5 tanks reported at T-8212 have moved 500 yds. north to the corner of the hills, vicinity T-795225 at 1300 hrs.	6th Inf	1st AD
x	26	1420	Traffic going east on El Guettar road at 1 mile per hour, traffic going west 10 to 12 miles per hour.	spec Mission	CCA
x	27	1455	100 men dispersed and moving west and south at T-8820, 50 to 100 Inf. deployed and moving west at T-833020.	1st AD	S-2
x	28	1430	Tanks will move east to draw fire and artillery will put down concentration on following locations T-735255 and the pass at 1630 hrs.	S-2	Rcn
x	29	1535	2 groups of our patrols came out of cactus patch and headed east. 2nd OP at 738237. The patrols sent south will go in vicinity enemy patrols reported at 7425.	Rcn	S-2
x	30	1618	Sweep of battle area 3 ME 109's encountered, 1 destroyed at Y-9684, Red Cross hospital seen at Y-6379, light flak at Y-5979 and Y-6684, sweep of battle area 1345 to 1538 hrs. nothing seen.	BB	S-2
x	31	1620	Column of 60 to 70 trucks reported moving N.W. towards Messoua at 1500 hrs., head of column moving from SE reported just east of Sebket Hour at 1500 - 1600 hrs.	CCA	S-2
x	32	1720	Six men spotted at 786214.	Rcn	S-2
x	33	1715	Hobo reports no enemy on Dj. Bagra or in valley to the Southeast of it.	Oboe	S-2
x	34	1720	776th T.D. observes mortar fire from 7918 - 7919 firing south.	776th	S-2
x	35	1750	Enemy guns firing from 745255.	Rcn	S-2
x	36	1604	Sweep of battle area 20/25 vehicles dispersed in wadi at Y-3056, all groups dispersed N. to Y-1057. Vehicles dispersed in wadi on N. slope of ridge from Y-1045 to Y-3354. Shell bursting at Y-3000. North undetermined.	BB	Moon S-2
x	37	1734	El Guettar - Sebket En Mansour. Time 1500 - 1635 hrs. 1/12 ME 109's engaged but no claims or casualties but E/A dropped 3 bombs at Y-4273. 6 trucks on fire at Y-5865.	BB	Moon S-2
x	38	1920	OP reports no guns fired from pass itself, the only reports, the only place they picked up 5 at 775215 & from that little corridor leading from the cactus patch, traffic on east side of pass has not been going their regular route, they have made a new road 2000 yds east of the pass, it puts the vehicles in better defilation, you can only observe the tops of all vehicles.	Rcn	S-2

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PLACE - Near MAKASSY

DATE - 1ST APRIL 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	39	1835		Sweep of battle area encountered 12 ME 109 combat from Sbkret Sidi Mansour to south of Sened. Fighting planes drew friendly Flak from vicinity. Results 2 ME 109's destroyed, 3 damaged.	BB	S-2
x	40	1915		Sweep of battle area. 2 JU 88's encountered, 2 JU88's destroyed 1 pilot of JU88 reported to parachute. 8022 saw area 4 JU88's encountered, 2 JU88's destroyed, 1 damaged, 6 to 7 groups 12 to 15 tanks seen on northside of ridge at 74956. Light traffic both ways on Gafsa Gabes road east of battle area.	BB	S-2
x	A			4 mucle blast of gun reported by 776th patrol at 7919.	776th	S-2
x	42	2100		All plats and 776th T.D. report all clear	Rcn	S-2
x	43	2400		All plats and 776th T.D. report all clear.	Rcn	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE - Near MARIASSY

DATE - 2ND APRIL 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TITLE	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0300	All Clear reported by all platoes & 776th T. D.	Ren	S-2
x	2	0430	All clear, Nothing reported.	Ren	S-2
x	3	0717	No activity in pass or cactus patch at 0700 hrs.	Ren	S-2
x	4	0640	Warn all personnel not to touch the low winged butterfly bombs. These are approx 3 inches in diameter and 3 inches long. Should be destroyed in place from cover by rifle fire or ringed with sand bags and destroyed with TNT bombs. Contains five seconds delay clock mechanism which may start from slight movement or vibration of vehicles, deadly to 25 yds. and dangerous to 125 yards.	1st AD	S-2
x	5	0710	Weather for period 2nd to 3rd April inclusive, no rain.	1st AD	S-2
x	6	0810	3 men walking around east edge of cactus patch. 0755, 1st plat. all clear. 0810	Ren	S-2
x	7	0830	3 or 4 men walking around cactus patch at 0829. 1 unidentified vehicle reported on new road east of pass.	Ren	S-2
x	8	0845	At T-768210 tank moving south away from view.	Ren	S-2
x	9	0855	Ref of msg 31st March at 1120 hrs. Butterfly bombs should be destroyed in place from crew by rifle fire, ringed by sand bags and destroyed with TNT bombs. Contains 5 sec. delay clock mechanism fuze which may start with slight movement or vibration of traffic. Deadly to 25 yds. and dangerous to 125 yds.	S-2	All Units
x	10	0907	500 yds southwest of pass in wadi, 10 men seen go into pass, 200 yds east of pass on new road, 1 tank seen going south and 1 man seen in pass.	Ren	S-2
x	11	0930	At T-770212 a vehicle unable to identify as a tank, but they can see a muzzle of gun, and they can also see it traversed.	Ren	S-2
x	12	0942	7 enemy bombers with 5 escorts just passed overhead, identified escorts as JU88's.	Ren	S-2
x	13	0943	At Y-4254, 32 tanks moving west at 0835 hrs. being taken under fire.	1ST AD	S-2
x	14		No activity in pass. 4 vehicles at 7723 moving north, just sent two men out on a patrol from 723236 to the top of ridge to 7326 and back to 698234, and then return at 748284 road to 745314 heavily travelled. 4 vehicles moving SE at 768215.	Ren	S-2
x	15	1015	Traffic on El Guettar and El Meizile road moving at rate of 10 to 12 vehicles per hour, mostly east.	INTERCEPT	CCA
x	16	0929	Extremely high winds prevented Recon missions, will advise when conditions permit operations to continue.	BB	S-2
x	17	1300	INTERCEPT - El Guettar road junction & north road jammed with traffic all heading east.	INTERCEPT	CCA
x	18	1310	Engrs. have drawn a few rifle shots but are still working.	Ren	S-2
x	19	1340	20 men walking around in cactus patch. 776th reports all clear his sector.	Ren	S-2

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PLACE - Near MAKIASSY

DATE - 2ND APRIL 1943

IN	OUT NO.	FILE	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0900	All Clear reported by all plato & 776th T. D.	Ren	S-2
x	2	0430	All clear, Nothing reported.	Ren	S-2
x	3	0717	No activity in pass or cactus patch at 0700 hrs.	Ren	S-2
x	4	0640	Warn all personnel not to touch yellow winged butterfly bombs. These are approx 3 inches in Diameter and 3 inches long. Should be destroyed in place from cover by rifle fire or ringed with sand bags and destroyed with TNT bombs. Contains five seconds delay clock mechanism which may start from slight movement or vibration of vehicles, deadly to 25 yds. and dangerous to 125 yards.	1st AD	S-2
x	5	0710	Weather for period 2nd to 3rd April inclusive, no rain.	1st AD	S-2
x	6	0810	3 men walking around east edge of cactus patch. 0755. 1st plab. all clear. 0810	Ren	S-2
x	7	0830	3 or 4 men walking around cactus patch at 0829. 1 unidenti. ayed vehicle reported heading at 0827 on proposed road east of new road east of pass.	Ren	S-2
x	8	0845	At T-768210 tank moving south away from view.	Ren	S-2
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x	12	0942	7 enemy bombers with 5 escorts just passed overhead, identified escorts as JUB8's.	Ren	S-2
x	13	0943	At Y-4254, 32 tanks moving west at 0835 hrs. being taken under fire.	1ST AD	S-2
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x	18	1310	Engrs. have drawn a few rifle shots but are still working.	Ren	S-2
x	19	1340	20 men walking around in cactus patch. 776th reports all clear his sector.	Ren	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE - Near LARNASSY

DATE - 2ND APRIL 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	20	1745		OP reports 4 enemy guns at 7827.	776th	S-2
x	21	1910		Perry saw from where he was 4 vehicles appear and disappear at 7520.	2-Bn 18th	S-2
x	22	2100		All plato and 776th T.D. report all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x	23	2400		Nothing to report, all quiet.	Rcn	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

Near MAKHASSY

PLACE - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

DATE - 3RD APRIL 1949

IN	CUT #	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0300	All clear nothing to report	Rcn	S-2
x	2	0335	A few IG shots went up in vicinity of mine at an A/C.	Rcn	S-2
x	3	0430	All clear nothing to report.	Rcn	S-2
x	4	0545	One truck came thru pass and turned around and went back at 2200 hrs. last night, all else quiet.	Rcn	S-2
x	5	0600	1st and 2nd plts. reported fire at 0550 hrs. 776th S. D. reports all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x	6	0655	Patrols in position report no activity in pass.	Rcn	S-2
x	7	0700	Only activity noted so far is four men moving in cactus patch.	Rcn	S-2
x	8	0725	AC-2 - DI T-9002, Y-6070 is route. Time 0555 to 0655 no movement seen anywhere, pay special attention to slope of D.I. Chemsi intense Flak over the same D.I. no movement seen on any road.	BB	S-2
x	9	0727	OP reports 15 men go from wadi at 727235 to the high ground at 72835.	Rcn	S-2
x	10	0812	One A.T. gun and possibly 3 more, also 20/25 men at that point 775256.	Rcn	S-2
x	11	0816	As of 0700 hrs. Medium moderate Flak from Y-3862 and Y-4566 no tanks seen north of DJ at Y-4163, artillery fire at Y-5072	BB	S-2
x	12	0826	No traffic observed Fondouk area as of 0700 hrs., several trucks dug in and light Flak from T-8357. Nothing else seen.	BB	S-2
x	13	0900	Patrol of Maknassya and El Guetter area. Time 0645 to 0825 hrs. No activity observed, no Flak.	BB	S-2
x	14	0937	8th Army Bomb line Z-2358, Z-1656, Z-0446 thence due west.	BB	S-2
x	15	0845	El Guetter area intense light Flak in gully Y-4665, 4 enemy H/T and jeep like vehicles at Y-3361 incoming one pink colored tank at Y-5555.	BB	S-2
x	16	1013	4 men at 773232 were digging at every 15 yds. and went west to 762230 and done some more digging then to 760253 on the north and south road and went into cactus patch.	Rcn	S-2
x	17		In noon msg MR7 correction in map coordinates Y-1672 should be Y-4372.	BB	S-2
x	18	1107	Patrol battle area 0850 to 1023 heavy traffic north on road. Track dirt Y-1672. Light Flak at Y-3659, no traffic on Gabes road smoke puffs at Y-4956 and Y-5672.	BB	S-2
x	19	1805	Fondouk area, time 1022 to 1132 about 25 trucks going into Fondouk on dirt road just south of main road into Fondouk at O-8516 on main road a staff car going west, 4 to 5 M/C going west, 8 - 10 tracks going both directions.	BB	S-2
x	20	1427	At U-0106 15 trucks moving NW to T-9906 at 14 hrs. appear to be busses.	1st AD	All Units
x	21	1410	On 1st & 2nd April, 14 A.T. guns reported at Y-845945, 100 Italians without transport in area around square T-9000, source confidential, all OP will observe for confirmation.	1st AD	All Units

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PLACE - Near MAKASSY

DATE - 3RD APRIL 1943

IN	OUT #	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	22	1528	Change in countersign and paroles are as follows: Today - Clean Slate 4th Sea gull 5th Golf link	S-2	All Units
x	23	1600	All quiet no activity in cactus patch.	Rcn	S-2
x	24	1803	The enemy is shelling along the wadi 5 1/2 to 6 miles south west of the Maheri pass, source of fire cannot be determined where it is coming from.	Rcn	S-2
x	25	1810	INTERCEPT - 1830, 3 unidentified vehicles heavy type came thru pass Y-6577 and proceeded to olive orchard at Y-6591, one man seen walking south on road.		CCA
x	26		40 tanks and several batteries of artillery known to be in wadi north of Kebili road junction.	L.O.	S-2
x	27	2100	All plato and 776th report all quiet, nothing to report.	Rcn	S-2
x	28	1857	Light traffic on all roads in area M Guectar, Sebket, Sidi Bou Sid, Mannour Y-4357, mostly going east, arty fire at M Ayacho. Heavy med. Flak from Y-5774, Y-4257, Y-4366. Intense light accurate flak from along south slope of Dj. Chensi. Reports on traffic on Gum Trce road, area M Guectar, Sebket, Sidi Bou Sid, Mannour and on to Y-4357 --- 1600 - 1730 hrs.		
x	29	1850	About 12 vehicles headed east from Bichon near city at 0-6315. 12 vehicles headed north at 0-7315.		All 1st AD Units
x	30	1946	Corps Countersign effective 1800 hrs. April 4th. "Good" Parole "Fishing". Superseded esp. signed 1319 for 4th April and 5th.		All 1st AD Units
x	31	2014	Intense light Flak vicinity of Y-5365 and along southern foot of Dj. Siffel Lanan and Dj. Maghichia from Y-3045 to Y-5345. Equipment & vehicles concentrated in 1st area. No other observed. 14/20 JUB87's encountered just after bombing Dj. Berda. Also FM 190 & 6 ME 109's. The P. 8 ME's did not attack. 14 ME87 destroyed.	BB	S-2
x	32	2030	Reccon of Mondouk area 1650 hrs. to 1805 hrs. Nothing seen at 0-7413. Approx. 12 vehicles going east several miles from Bichon several vehicles seen going W. on road at 0-7315. No flak or enemy here.	BB	S-2
x	33	2132	Last esp. re countersign cancelled; countersign for 4th April "Good" Parole "Fishing"	S-2	All Unit
x	34		Two Italian prisoners - 1 from 7th Bersaglieri and the other from 1st Bn 80. captured at 8417 flying lines. Saw about 15 tanks & 10 ME's to north at 7419 approximate Also 2 German prisoners who claimed they were being relieved probably by Italians say there are approx 300 Inf. in that area. Germans from 86 BGR.		All 1st AD Units
x	35	2100	All quiet, nothing to report.	Rcn	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE - Near MANGHASSY

DATE - 4TH APRIL 1963

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0300	All plato and 776th TD reports all clear	Rcn	S-2
x		2	0530	All plato and 776th TD reports all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x		3	0600	1st plato listening posts reports all quiet.	Rcn	S-2
x		4	0625	Template readings effective 4th April 0001 hrs. 856, 172, 493.	1st AD	S-2
x		5	0735	Carefully observed enemy activity indicates that the enemy have mines at or between the following coordinates T-776339, T-760238, T-757246, T-748245, T-756254, this checks to previous S-2 information from this HQ's but gives a more accurate position of the mine field.	HMM 1st AD	S-2 AD
x		6	0752	10 men came from the east with packs on back thru pass from east and turned north.	Rcn	S-2
x		7	0800	Evidence of withdrawal El Guettar area 50 line being patrolled by our rcn, watch for evidence for withdrawal in your sector.	1st AD	S-2
		8	0710	As of 0700 hrs. estimated 100 vehicles, mostly trucks dispersed in gully north and south of road at Y-7564.	BB	S-2
x		9	0745	As of 0710 Rcn of Dj. Trozza Pichon, Fondouk, Faid pass, no movement seen, 2 trucks headed west and parked, seen at T-8697.	BB	S-2
x		10	0803	3 men from pass with packs came from cactus patch to pass.	Rcn	S-2
x		11	0810	Complete report of A02 route to T-8030 to Z-2000 to Y-4454, vicinity Z-0880, 10 to 15 vehicles in gulleys area Y-7564 100 - 300 men, 150 to 200 vehicles in gully in area at Z-0882 at Y-7670.	BB	S-2
x		12	0853	7818 - 14 men on ridge and 2 more below.	Rcn	S-2
x		13	0855	Sweep of battle area, 3 FW 190 encountered 15 miles east of El Guettar, enemy A/G forced to jettison bombs. No claims no other observation from 0640 to 0810.	BB	S-2
x		14	1010	Group bound for Dj. Masila was IG by 7 men post and one Arab (German) with large radio set with square antenna. Whole group was opened up by 3 MG. One vehicle stopped by fire, other vehicle ran into ravine. German OP with Radio at 030263.	Rcn	S-2
x		15	1000	3 enemy trucks at Y-3333, battle beginning at Y-3864. Observation made at 0915 hrs.	IB	S-2
x		16	1105	Bombs concentrated at Y-7562 from 0915 hrs. to 1015 hrs. Bombs dropped on 30 to 40 vehicles, vehicles attempted to dispersed. Specifically results not observed. One explosion seen, part of bombs dropped in lake.	BB	S-2
x		17	1200	3rd pl. OP reports 7 men at 7246, strong enemy Inf. patrol took one of 3rd plato peeps away and burned the other, the one taken away had a radio in it, patrol was 10 to 12 men identified as Germans, the peeps were about 200 yds from the OP reported this morning.	Rcn	S-2
x		18	1315	No change in 8th Army Bomb line.	BB	S-2
x		19	1400	Owing to extreme shortages of material, it is essential that all prisoners evacuated to prisoners war camp carry mess tins, blankets and clothing in their possession.	1st AD	All Unit

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S-2 JOURNAL

Place - Near MAKNASST

DATE - 4TH APRIL 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	20	1430		There is evidence of withdrawal from El Guettar area, reason patrol have been able to go further a resistance is deminishing this is an opinion information obtain from Corps thru 1st Inf.	1st AD	S-2
x	21	1520		Friendly heavy arty fire at 7720 at 1415 hrs. MG fire and rifle fire at 7235	Rcn	S-2
x	23	1555		Cactus patch and pass all clear, also MG and rifle fire still going on.	Rcn	S-2
x	24	1610		Fire is increasing all the time, it sounds like MG. at 1555 hrs. firing has quieted down except for occassional rifle fire.	Rcn	S-2
x	25	1642		Bomb La La Connerie A/D bombs hit center of A/D, part beyond A/D one fire started. 6/10 HE 109 encouted, 3 destroyed, 1 damaged, heavy accurate flak over target at T-9555 and T-8862. No other observation.	BB	S-2
x	26	1720		The men were caught at their gun position and did not have a chance to get out. Shits within 2-ft. of their gun positions. 3 men diggin on ridge at 7426.	Rcn	S-2
x	27	1721		3 guns and 30 men at 7625 at 1645 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	28	1747		Considerable vehicle activity vicinity T-823172 at 1720 INTERCEPT.	6th Inf	1st AD
x	29	1812		A German MG is firing where the 3 men were digging in at 7426. There are 30 men throwing hand Grenades down at some-thing but dont know just what, <u>also</u> they have something like an assault gun and it is being used.	Rcn	S-2
x	30	1800		Results AO10, truck column moving east 50 yd pacing as far as could see from T-9081 and V-0346, high smoke column at T-9595 seen for 50 miles, time 1000 to 1700 hrs.	BB	S-2
x	31	1836		Men throwing hand grenades down the hill at T-7226, looks to be enemy.	Rcn	S-2
x	32	1953		AO 11, 1740 to 1840 hrs. Recon of Fondouk and road net east of Grand Dorsal, light intense flak at I-8582, 20 trucks going west at 9062. 2 trucks seen on road east of Grand Dorsal.	BB	S02
x	33	2100		Flare dropped at 680235, all else quiet.	Rcn	S-2
x	34	2400		All clear, Nothing to report.	Rcn	S-2
x	35	2400		All clear, Nothing to report.	776th	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE - Near LAKESSY

DATE - 5TH APRIL 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0800	Two flares dropped south of Anario Pass at 0040 hrs. Also 2 of the 3 missing men returned.	Ken	S-2
x	2	0300	All stations report all clear	Ken	S-2
x	3	0600	All stations report all quiet	Ken	S-2
x	4	0805	As of 0645 hrs. Recon C-9338 to C-0562 to C-9293 to C-9220 to C-8325. Large object believed to be heavy tank at Y-9338. No movement on Fondouk - Airouan road. No movement seen.	Ken DB	S-2
x	5	0822	1 truck SE of El Guettar. Tank tracks 8 miles N. of Mehri Zebeus. Nothing on Gafsa - Gabes road N. from Gabes. All road in area clear.	DB	S-2
x	6	0907	8th Army Comb line, E-2159, E-1657, E-1050, E-0244 thence due west.	Ken DB	1000 S-2
x	7	0953	0700 hrs. to 0830 hrs. No traffic on gum tree road from Y-4075 to Y-7595. Small concentration of trucks at Y-6571 and Y-5970.		
x	8	1010	Over area N. of El Guettar - Mezzouna. No activity of any kind except light moderate flak at Y-3875.	DB	S-2
x	9	1105	Light dust from W. towards 16 miles east on Gafsa - Gabes road more dust on gum tree road at Y-5585. Not about 20 miles. Heavy flak at Y-3691 and along west edge of Mt. Gharbi.	DB	S-2
x	10	1305	17 tanks at Y-6574 concentration of troops-vehicles between Y-5089 and Y-6274. No traffic on gum tree road. New road from Y-6364 east to coast road light two way traffic on this road heavy flak at Y-5371.	Ken BB	Noon S-2
x	11	1341	Someone shot at Chaplain Abbott while he was standing by a vehicle near the Medical Det. the shot seemed to come from the east it was small arms. Please investigate & report.	S-2	Mo. Co
x	12	1350	This Bn less Co. A. Ken Co. is moving on order from Corps to Y-1187. A Co. will remain in flak position at Y-2735. Ken Co. will remain active in present area until relieved.	805th S.D.	1st AD
x	13	1402	12th AC BT - To-Wilder E- request air on enemy vehicles park of supply depot alive at about Y-6591 south western most of two such alive groves on road between valley 1300 hrs.	Spec. 1st AD	
x	14	1435	Recon over Y-4505, Y-1050. 35 plus vehicles parked dispersed at Y-4308 and 60 plus parked dispersed at Y-4707. Landing strip seen with 6 unoccupied revetments at Y-4268. Heavy accurate flak at Y-6571 cause unobserved.	BB	Noon S-2
x	15	1600	Friendly planes went over head heavy flak at Y-4707 Y-5277.	Ken	S-2
x	16	1605	40 - 50 shells went into the air. Guns approx. 40 rev. flares lasted only 1 minute approx. 1 1/2" vent M.P. thru pass. They are checking for possible gun in #2 cactus patch.	Ken	S-2
x	17	1608	Bombed A/D at El Djem - 1235 to 1310 hrs. Bombing as observed to be fair, part of bombs on A/D - 20/30 enemy A/C encountered, 4 destroyed and 2 probably extremely accurate heavy & light flak in target area.	BB	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

DATE--5TH APRIL 1943

IN CUT NO. TIME

MESSAGE

ORIGIN TO

x	18	1625	At 1530 hrs. 3 columns including 50 tanks moving northwards follows 1st column Y-3759 to Y-3660 to Y-3661, 2nd column Y-3759 to Y-3760 to Y-3761. 3rd column Y-3859 to Y-3860 to Y-3861 - 1615 hrs.	1st AD	S-2
x	19	1635	50 tanks at Y-3729 moving north west, possibly preparing to attack El Guettar. Large vehicle concentration to east thereof.	S-2	All Units
x	20	1900	Recon of battle area 1600 to 1720 hrs. intense heavy accurate flak at Y-5060. 2 dispersed areas of 10 - 20 vehicles. 8 at Y-4634. 5 - 10 vehicles moving east at Y-5598. 3 - 4 vehicles moving east at Y-5575. AC-10 Bombing concentration at Y-3762. Much dust in area much activity on all roads in El Guettar area. observation hampered by dust from 1640 to 1740 hrs.	BB	S-2
x	22	2000	12 heavy mortar shells fell on revolt positions at 0630 hrs. heavy traffic probably tanks moving N. to S. from little Dj. Djebbs to Mezzoums. Large object believed to be tank at T-9338. MIE on Fondouk - Kairouan road. Minefields reported	L.O.	S-2
x	22	2100	All stations report all clear, nothing to report.	ren	S-2
x	23	2400	All stations report all quiet	ren	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE near LAKNASSY

DATE 6th APRIL 1943

TH	OUT	TO	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0230	All stations reports all clear. Flares dropped at 0215 hrs. by plane.		Rcn	S-2
x	2	0600	All stations report all clear. 3rd plats visitors have not arrived.		Rcn	S-2
x	3	0710	CP reports seeing some men around 745255 and some around cactus patch 2. Several men at 7819 enemy CP men looking south.		Rcn	S-2
x	4	0802	An enemy patrol working in OP's direction patrol consists of about 9 men. I am sending reinforcements.		Rcn	S-2
x	5	0730	Paid pass east side of mts. to and return. 2 to 3 vehicles parked at T-9391. No other activity sighted. Observation difficult due to early morning haze.		LB	Moan
6 0835						
From south						
x	7	0800	ITEM Item S-O-11, issued your early October 1942 necessary you return immediately to S-2, II Corps.		II Corps	S-2
x	8	0920	What is Item S-O-11? No record of anything of that number.		S-2	II Corps
9 0920						
soon of battle area down at 0945 hrs. No activity in Dj. Berda valley. More than 25 vehicles dispersed at T-4565. East to west landing ground seen at T-1502, 5 - near /C seen at T-0055. Nothing on Gum tree road. Nothing on 'aisa - Gabes road, nothing in Dj. Chemsi pass, hospital in Dj. Chemsi pass hospital at T-0101						
x	10	0945	Combing A/D at La Fauconnerie both sides of runway covered crest in SW corner of field. 15 /C on west side of field. Intense flak felt 30 - 40 guns, 1 mile west of target results believed good. Attacked by 12 B 109's, 1 probable and 1 damaged. Landing ground seen at T-8040. down at 0900 hrs.		EB	S-2
x	11	0950	2nd plat reports all clear, cannot see enemy patrol.		Rcn	S-2
x	12	1010	Air down at 0630 hrs. reports no traffic on Gabes Gafsa road. 1st nor on Gum tree road hospital at T-0101. No enemy movement Dj. Chemsi pass, no activity Dj. Berda valley 1000 hrs.		1st AD	S-2
x	13	1055	Reported A/D at La Fauconnerie down at 0900 hrs. all bombs reported on target. 30 - 40 vehicles seen on road between T-8523 and T-9338. Intense light flak here radio truck strafed T-9338. Results unobserved.		3B	Moan S-2
x	14	1120	2 enemy tanks moving south from Air field toward Mezzovana at 1020 hrs. 3 tanks moved from T-933169 to behind hill at T-97135 at 1035 hrs. new landing at T-8040 - 1045 hrs. 1st AD			S-2
x	15	1116	No change in 8th Army front line		13	S-2

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DATE--6TH APRIL 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	16	1105		Tanks incl some I.K. 6's observing moved direction of Mezzouna from 11 ⁰⁰ around 1100 hrs. other traffic also seen moving east & northeast movement seen around 1300 hrs. Traffic east vicinity Y-4264. 20-tanks headed east Y-5764 at 1030 hrs. Air encountered AA fire at Y-9338. Heavy traffic moving west at fast rate south of Sebket Noual at 1130 hrs.	BB	S-2
x	17	1117		Tanks firing from 795210.	Rcn	S-2
x	18	1530		Gun position 739244 under fire by our arty. Gun located between 7821 - 7921	Rcn	S-2
x	19	1540		Inf requests lifting of arty fire hearing 1st objective gun position 739244 under fire by our-arty. gun positions from 7821 - 7921 firing on our own tanks taken under fire.	Long	1stAD
x	20	1545		Bombing A/D at La Fauconnerie. Heavy Flak intense over target, intense led. Flak just east of raid. Results of bombing unobserved. 1 ME 109 damaged. 7 ME 109's encountered additional ammunition dump at T-9121. 1/2 to 3/4 mile long.	BB	S-2
				at 1100 hrs to La Fauconnerie A/D dropped bombs its observed among parked A/C heavy accurate tanks engaged, 2 seen on and around the field, 3 ME 109's engaged, 1 probably and 1 damaged. 1145 hrs.	BB	S-2
x	22	1646		Down 1510 hrs. Bombing A/D at La Fauconnerie results believed good, only 5 A/C seen on A/D heavy accurate Flak over target. 12 ME 109's encountered, no planes, no ground observation.	BB	S-2
x	23	1645		Air Recon at U-0060, 25 tanks stationary, no traffic on roads north of Maheri - Zebbeus, 8 to 10 vehicles at Y-8888 moving NE, 2 large explosions at Y-4877 at Y-5445, 2 Tanks stationary.	BB	S-2
x	24	1645		Recon of Mezzouna area moderate traffic east on road south of Sebket En Noual, 25 vehicles believed to be tanks, well dispersed parked at U-0600. Nothing SW of ME of Mezzouna. No enemy movement north of Maheri - Zebbeus, on road 8 - 10 vehicles at Y-8888 heading toward Mezzouna. 2 large explosions at Y-4877 and Y-5445. 2 tanks downed 1620.	BB	S-2
x	25	1803		2 enemy Recon vehicles at T-7568 at 1/30 hrs.	805th T.D.	S-2
x	26	1830		200 yds. from objective, held there by enemy I.C. Fire.	Rcn	S-2
x	27	1940		Recon of Maknassy area 1840 hrs. moderate traffic SE of Mezzouna. Light Traffic east of Gun Tree road east of Y-9696 also light traffic east on secondary road that goes to Y-3068.	BB	S-2
x	28	2100		All stations & 776th T.D. reports all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x	29	2320		776th T.D. reports an explosion near CP at 2230 hrs. also movement of vehicles in clearing in vicinity of mine 2300 hrs.	776th	S-2
x	30	2400		All stations report all clear.	Rcn	S-2

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PLACE--Near HANASSY

DATE--7TH APRIL 1943

IN-OUT NO.	TIME	Message	ORIGIN	TO
x	1 0020	Infantry returning 3rd plats reports	Rcn	S-2
x	2 0300	All plats & 776th TD reports all clear	Rcn	S-2
x	3 0600	All stations report all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x	4 0800	Some activity in vicinity of 790187. Spitfires were fired on at 784230 to 790255	776th	S-2
x	5 0642	INTERCEPT - At 0545 approx. 150 vehicles moving east between pass Y-6577 and Y-7083 in line.	Spec. Mission	CCA
x	6 0910	7 more men came from pass to cactus patch #2 that makes 50 men so far. 7 or 8 men walking along side 7819.	Rcn	S-2
x	7 1030	Two of 9 towed guns which moved to T-9013 from SE returned to U-0406 at 0950 hrs. at T-9913 estimated 50 trucks have moved into area from SE and dispersed at T-9806 tents observed at T-9905 camouflaged lens on gun.	1st AD	All Units.
x	8 1042	Men have been leaving cactus patch & going NW in behind hill at 746262 also 8 men coming from pass to cactus patch and went behind the same hill while fire was being laid down & so far 81 men have been around the cactus patch.	Rcn	S-2
x	9 0936	Estimated 150 vehicles moving east between Gum Tree road. Sebket Hourl 25 yds between vehicles - 0935	1st AD	All Unit
x	10 1042	At U-0504, 4 large trucks unloaded personnel at 1020 hrs.	1st AD	All Unit
x	11 1104	6 rounds of arty fire believed to be 155mm hit in vicinity of road from T-5467 to T-6763 about 0930 hrs.	805th	S-2
x	12 0925	Kairouan on AO-3 Unknown number of trucks moving north into Kairouan between P-0335 & P-0358, trucks & tanks going North at P-1405. 7 trucks in El Guern. Traffic seems to be north into & out of Kairouan on roads in that vicinity. All vehicles strafed & unknown number damaged. Several fires left burning	BB	S-2
x	13 1116	Two men seen leaving gun position at 783251 & going into pass.	Rcn	S-2
x	14 1045	During morning estimated 300 to 500 vehicles converged from south & southwest at Y-9595 and moved east at Z-0995, 30 to 40 turned N. & west into hiding behind Dj. near Mezouna rest of vehicles continued eastward at T-9500, 2 or 3 tanks at 1030 hrs.	1st AD	All Units
x	15 1130	Bombed Chemsi pass at 1000 hrs. results believed good. Much smoke seen after bombing heavy traffic in pass up to and east on Gum Tree road. Heavy east traffic on Guettar Gabes road.	BB	S-2
x	16 1145	1st plat OP reports a tank or armad car at 7821. Some fire was laid down there yesterday.	Rcn	S-2
x	17 1200	8th Army Bomb line Z-2359, Z-2058, Z-1560, Z-1358, Z-0585 Z-0655.	BB	S-2
x	18 1254	Many vehicles NE from Y-6575 on dirt road. More heavy traffic E. from Y-6283.	BB	S-2.

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DATE--7TH APRIL 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	19	1300	Traffic continues undiminished eastward on both sides of Sebket Houal. Traffic still converging at Z-1095 from that point about 10% turns northward to Lezzouna & thence Northeast, rest of traffic continues on eastward. Estimated 600 to 700 vehicles have been observed moving eastward since dawn. 1300 hrs.	1st AD	S-2
x	20	1300	Heavy traffic on allroad nets E. & S. Gafsa	BB	S-2
x	21	1320	One man just left enemy CP located at 7923.	Rcn	S-2
x	22	1400	Nothing seen Faid Pass area.	BB	S-2
x	23	1505	Have peep ready for me at my halftrack at 1700 hrs. today.	S-2	C.O. Hq Co.
x	24	1406	8th Army Bomb line is Z-2365, Z-2065 to Z-2082 to Y-8082 and south.	BB	S-2
x	25	1649	Have been attack on vehicles concentrated in Dj. Chems pass area & roads E. & 7 and 9 were bombing on vehicles. All report good results & repeated. Report of concentration headed east.	BB	S-2
x	26	1615	7 men came from enemy CP at 7925. 2 guns at 780248 - 781244. 2 men were seen at this position to go in wadi.	Rcn	S-2
x	27	1700	At Z-1096 a large concentration of enemy vehicles Z-1382 are 25 enemy tanks we are engaging some at Z-2080 large movement of vehicles in area of tanks are several 88mm guns at Z-2094 large concentration of vehicles & guns today we have captured much German & Italian & Equipment.	Rcn	S-2
x	28	1713	Following msg. sent to us by British Station with call sign GKF. At Z-1096 a large concentration of enemy vehicles Z-1382 areas enemy tanks we are engaging same at Z-2080 large movement of vehicles in and guns. Today we have captured much German & Italian prisoners & equipment.	S-2	1st AD
x	29	1715	24 tanks moving south include 4 tigers at Z-1382.	8th Army	S-2
x	30	1730	Between 1400 hrs. & 1500 hrs. 30 vehicles going NE from Pass Y-6577 to Y-8393 between 1500 hrs. & 1600 hrs. 5 vehicles over same road at 1540 hrs. 6 vehicles going east from Y-5881 to Y-8393 at 1545 hrs. 6 vehicles going NW from Y-5980 to Y-5881 at about 1600 hrs. vehicles moving both ways along Y-5881 to Y-5378. INTERCEPT	OP#17	CCA
x	31	1748	At Z-1382 - 24 tanks moving south including 4 tigers - INTERCEPT from British Station GKF.	S-2	1st AD
x	32	1730	Between 1400 hrs. & 1500 hrs. 30 vehicles going NE from pass Y-6577 to Y-8393 between 1500 hrs. and 1600 hrs. 5 vehicles over same road. At 1540 hrs. 14 vehicles going from Y-5881 to Y-8393 - #17 at 1545 hrs. 6 vehicles going NW from Y-5980 to Y-5881 at about 1600 hrs. vehicles moving both ways along Y-5881 to Y-5378. INTERCEPT	OP	CCA
x	33	2020	2nd plt. listening post reporting mortars they sound like mortarsto the SE.	Rcn	S-2
x	34	2100	All Stations report all clear.	Rcn	S-2
x	35	2215	German red flare seen to go up in vicinity north of cactus patch #2 at about 7628.	Rcn	S-2
x	36	2400	All stations report all clear.	Rcn	S-2

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PLACE--Near MAJASSY

DATE--8TH APRIL 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0205	Heavy smalls arms fire and mortar North of the pass at 0200 hrs.	Ren	S-2
x		2	0210	Small arms fire is coming from where Big S was the other day the MG fire seems to be our guns. Both heavy and light also mortars	Ren	S-2
x		3	0215	1st plat and 776th reports all quiet.	Ren	S-2
x		4	0221	Fire has stopped at 0218 hrs.	Ren	S-2
x		5	0300	2nd & 3rd plats report all quiet, also impossible to locate exactly where MG & mortar fire is coming from.	Ren	S-2
x		6	0600	All OP's report all quiet, nothing to report, also 805th TD report all clear.	Ren	S-2
x		7	0709	The Inf have accomplished their mission, ren into MG fire and Grenades.	Ren	S-2
		8	0815	Our MG is better fixed upon by 4mm. we are awaiting our guns in position to take care of them.	Ren	S-2
x		9	0815	Ren of Kairouan area at 0703 hrs. A camp observed at O-8443 at O-8534. 8 to 10 trucks parked along road headed for Kairouan, light fire at O-9919 no activity on any road, no flak.	BB	S-2
x		10	0925	Column of 40 trucks, 2 or 3 towing guns moved north out of Lezzouma at 0802 hrs., at T-978068, enemy batry at 0820 hrs. disabled tanks at T-781131 at 0702 hrs.,	1st AD	S-2
x		11	0940	Derby Yeo could not contact OMF this morning, stated that they were moving along rapidly.	Derby Yeo	S-2
x		12	0940	8th Army advance forces Z-0695, Benson advance force Y-8580		S-2
x		13	0953	Apparent camp at O-8443, 8 to 10 trucks along road to Kairouan, all other observations negative. 0630 to 0715 hrs.	BB	S-2
x		14	1000	8th Army bomb line U-1010 - 1001 directly east to coast	BB	S-2
x		15	0900	From T-720230 running generally along a SM line to T-713215 there is a continuous minefield.	Klous	S-2
x		16	1112	Sweep of La Fauconneiri area down at 0850 hrs. 9 ME 109's seen vicinity of Bou Thadi, 2 ME 109's at U-2565 plane was damaged, moderate traffic north of Leskhiraid - Kairouan 20-miles south of Kairouan, activity at Kairouan A/D but no aircraft, dust on road at U-1560, smoke and dust at Z-0598.	BB	S-2
x		17	1115	The engine for Ren H/T is here, notify Yeiter and have it brought here, no complications job should take 6 hours.	S-5	S-2
x		18	1225	Inf nearing their objective, have knocked out one more IG nest.	Ren	S-2
x		19	1230	OP reports large fire due east of Sahari pass flames 400 feet high looks like Gas dump.	Ren	S-2
x		20	1240	Commander of 500 Sharhn was taken prisoner at 1200 hrs.	Ren	S-2
x		21	1240	Few trucks headed northeast of Fondouk on Kairouan road. Nothing else seen.	BB	S-2

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DATE 8TH APRIL 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	22	1300	Inf has almost reached their objective, they believed that they have eliminated all MG nest by mortar fire.	Rcn	S-2
x	23	1305	Sweep of Fondouk area 1220 hrs. slight Flak at O-8536 a few trucks headed east on Kairouan Fondouk road, east of Fondouk a fire on road at O-9522, nothing on Kairouan A/D's, artillery fire at O9535.	BB	S-2
x	24	1409	The Liney Tank team at U-1813, another at U-1813 Ren patrol at U-0006 contact with dogfaces at Y-9598, an unverified reports states that a tank battle at Y-9205.	S-2	All Units Rcn net.
x	25	1450	Enemy shells landing at 7223	Rcn	S-2
x	26	1451	One British armd batt at U-2000, another at U-1813, British patrols at U-0006, 8th army in contact with U.S. troops at Y-9598. Reported tank battle is going on at T-9205. This is not confirmed.	S-2	All Units
x	27	1505	3 MK-3 or MK-4 tanks at 7728.	Rcn	S-2
x	28	1506	3 MK-3 or MK-4 tanks reported at 7728	Rcn	All Units 1st AD
x	29	1615	50 men in cactus patch #1 heading east toward pass, our assault guns firing at the men heading east toward the ridge near pass.	Rcn	S-2
x	30	1705	OP reports 30 men in cactus patch #2. Request artillery fire on them. 776th T. D. now firing on them.	Rcn	S-2
x	31	1715	The Inf have taken their objective and are now mopping up, they have taken 49 prisoners so far.	Rcn	S-2
x	32	1425	Only observation about 10 trucks headed southwest at O-9220 1300 to 1400 hrs.	BB	S-2
x	33	1815	OP reports shell dropping between 20 men standing in one place and none of the men moved after shell landed.	Rcn	S-2
x	34	1905	3rd plat summarizes both our own and leo himself laid several right on the target, our own leo's followed them across from cactus patch to ravine north of maheri pass, both leo's put salvos where men went into ravine, there was no more activity groups that went there went north along road not shown on map. No activity after 1800 hrs. Prisoners now total sixty, our guns drove them to hills where they were surrounded by our Inf. No casualties among our own troops. 2nd plat OP returned and reported enemy was leaving cactus #2 and heading toward pass and it seems as if every man was helping or carrying another man, evidently leo and our leo did an excellent job.	Rcn	S-2
x	35	1820	20 Enemy tanks reported dug in on airfield immediately north of Mezzouna at 1800 hrs.		1st AD S-2
x	36	2100	All stations report all clear	Rcn	S-2
x	37	2400	All stations report all clear	Rcn	S-2

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PLACE Near MARIASSY

DATE 9TH APRIL 1943

IN CUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	CNICI	T
x 1	0900	All observations report all clear.	Ren	S-2
x 2	0430	1st platoon returned from patrol, report to follow.	Ren	S-2
x 3	0726	No activity on this side of the pass but 3 men on the sky line NE of the pass. 2 men just entered the wadi at north end of pass. 7 men at 7827.	Ren	S-2
x 4	0800	Some activity at 7827 both tank & vehicles there.	Ren	S-2
x 5	0815	Sweep Fondouk - Michon - Kairouan areas 3 or 4 tanks seen at T-7535, 20 vehicles parked in wadi at T-8648. No traffic on road east of Grand Dorsal. Moderate heavy Flak at T-8562. No enemy A/C.	BB	S-2
x 6	0910	Stb Army comb line is U-5400, U-3600, U-3014, T-9014. Request your comb line.	BB	Yon S-2
x 7	0950	No activity from our Fwd CP and our Co. is leaving with a patrol in that sector.	Ren	S-2
x 8	1020	1st patrol CP reports everything very quiet. No activity anywhere.	7/6th	S-2
x 9	1140	3 prisoners taken this morning & are being sent to 760, one a Corp. Sgt. seems very willing to talk. They were taken at 7424.	Ren	S-2
x 10	1217	Moderate activity general area O-8311.	BB	S-2
x 11	1230	4258 undetermined No. of German Tanks. 9 Italian prisoners gave themselves up at 1100 hrs. to a P/C at T-7424. Identified as belonging to 1st Co. 60th I.G. Bn.	Ren	S-2
x 12	1230	Column of vehicles moving northeast at T-8224.	6th Inf	S-2
x 13	1233	P-51's & P-39's of this organization have had a yellow band pointed on the under wing surface 1" wide just inside the star notify all troops.	BB	ALL Units S-2
x 14	1240	Motorized elements of New Zealand Div. reached U-2324. 1/200,000 maps at 0900 hrs. this morning.	1st AD	S-2
x 15	1505	Sweep of Kairouan area & roads from Faid Pass. No activity on A/D's at La Fauconnerie. Heavy truck traffic north of CR at T-8969 on both roads. Some activity on minor roads in area. Dust clouds at U-2232. Cause unknown. Fired on by heavy Flak from O-6540.	BB	Yon S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE - Near D4. HAFEX

DATE - 10TH APRIL 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0652		A Baltimore two motor bomber will be over Gafsa at 0830 hrs. 10th April thence Yaktar 0915 hrs. thence due east 2725 hrs.	BB	S-2
x	2	0700		INTERCEPT - Fwd elements at T-753198, T-753165, T-951139 elements also going through pass at T-748107, MWS to S & E pass all elements continue upon mission.	81st Rcn	1st AD
x	3	0700		Head of column closed at 4352 at 0700 hrs.	Rcn	S-2
x	4	0821		Report S-2 CCB at once with S-2, 899th TD Bn & C.O. Rcn Co. 899th TD Bn.	S-2	S-2 13th
x	5	0832		INTERCEPT - Fwd elements also at T-844F18 at 0734 hrs. No enemy observed from that point.	81st	1st AD
x	6	0833		OP at T-835D02 observed no enemy activity 0740 hrs.	"	"
x	7	0835		INTERCEPT - Pass is mined at T-7950.	"	"
x	8	0920		Rt. C.P. 4352	Rcn	S-2
x	9	0920		Except at T-1299 to T-1300 - Kharouk - Fondouk roads clear no traffic just east of Grand Dorsal.	BB	S-2
x	10	0920		8th Army Bomb line is T-8433, U-4070 due west.	BB	S-2
x	11	0922		Fwd elements through pass at T-847188 path has been cleared through minefields.	81st	1st AD
x	12	0927		INTERCEPT - Assemble one Rcn Co. your command vicinity your CPX it is attached to CCA it will await orders there.	1st AD	81st
x	13	0940		INTERCEPT - Request your location	81st	CCA
x	14	0950		Send Liaison Officer from C Co. to this Hd. Immediately.	CCA	81st Rcn
x	15	1000		Request reply to following questions- (1) Where is enemy Armour? (2) What has happened east of Pichon & Fondouk? (3) Where are enemy elements farthest to the S.W.? (4) Where is 8th Army?	S-2	1st AD
x	16	1004		INTERCEPT - Friendly Booby trapped minefields at 784500 un-guarded minefield at 695595.	1st AD	16 th
x	17	1005		Our location same as where you saw us yesterday. INTERCEPT	CCA	81st
x	18	1016		INTERCEPT - Use your Command to utmost for battlefield clearance including mine removal maximum assistance to your Ingrs. by Inf and Arty in order that you can join Div. at earliest possible date AD 60th		
x	19	1035		Re your msg 1000 hrs. following answers.- 1. not known, you will receive answers along with rest of stations in net when found. 2 Same as one. 3. same as 1 & 2. 4. same as above.	1st AD	S-2
x	20	1048		INTERCEPT - At T-820538, 8 wheeled vehicles observed believed to be tanks in grove, at T-765580, 7 unidentified vehicles..	81st	1st AD
x	21	1055		INTERCEPT - Tax patrols stopped for T-763-O-2 at 0900 hrs.	6th Inf	1st AD
x	22	1130		P-1010, P-0035, M & S at P-0524. 50 vehicles headed N. at P-0524. 100 vehicles headed E. P-0532. Heavy traffic headed E. at P-0337. 2 tanks parked on bridge at P-1122.	BB	S-2

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DATE—10TH APRIL 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
X	23	1153		Obtain positive identification of vehicles observed report location of your most adv. elements. Most aggressive action desired. INTERCEPT	1st AD	81st
x	24	1215		Air Recon 0845 hrs. to 1005 hrs. at P-0524. 50 vehicles moving north at P-0532, 100 vehicles moving north at P-0337 heavy traffic heading north at P-1122, 2 tanks stationary on bridge.	1st AD	S-2
x	25	1325		INTERCEPT - fwd elements at T-951086, T-956X02, T-955114. From the last position given valley to east seems clear. INT.	81st	1st AD
x	26	1335		INTERCEPT - Minefield extends from T-8053 to T-8150.	81st	1st AD
x	27	1340		Report location, progress of your most advanced patrols. 1250 hrs. INTERCEPT	1st AD	6th Inf
x	28	1350		at T-8378 - 150 Italians 30 to 35 tanks type unidentified, 3 field guns 22 trucks.	1st AD	All Unit
x	29	1351		template reading effective 0001 hrs. 10th April 294,351,876.	1st AD	"
x	30	1352		fwd elements at T-951186, T-958X02, T-955114 from last position given valley to east keeps clear.	81st	1st AD
x	31	1330		Air Recon at T-0222, 30 tanks dispersed parked on E. side of road from O-9723 to P-0728, 50 vehicles moving N.E. vicinity P-0534, 25 trucks moving N.W. at P-1825, 3 trucks stationary at P-2333, 2 trucks moving west 0810 hrs.	1st AD	S-2
x	32	1410		Air Recon on Mairouan T-5541. 100 trucks and 4 tanks moving west Mairouan to T-2855 light traffic N and S at T-1440, 12 trucks stationary.	1st AD	All Units
x	33	1420		INT east of P-1400 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	1st AD
x	34	1421		fwd elements at T-869C38 pass quiet and apparently unoccupied and shows no signs of traffic. pass is mined 1340 hrs.	81st	1st AD
x	35	1424		fwd elements at T-872X35. They can observe 5 unidentified vehicles moving towards them from south. Will keep you advised.	81st	1st AD
x	36	1425		advance patrol elements at T-879P60 at 1230 hrs. no enemy contacted. 1400 hrs. INTERCEPT	1st AD	6th Inf
x	37	1515		cn reports no enemy in P-1400 pass some mines at T-7751, T-8149, T-7763, T-8159.	S-2	All Units
x	38	1609		fwd elements T-979P54 and T-979P73 - 1535 hrs. no enemy contact 1605 hrs. INTERCEPT	1st AD	81st cn
x	39	1617		ABC news flash 6th Army entered SFAX this morning.	1st AD	All Unit
x	40	1635		unit of yours that is with us reached pass at T-869D01 at 1610 hrs. No enemy contacted pass now being detected for mines. 1630 hrs. INTERCEPT	CCA	1st AD
x	41	1683		patrol reached T-763-31 at 1530 hrs. no contact with enemy 1630 hrs. INTERCEPT	1st AD	6th Inf

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DATE---10TH APRIL 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	42	1715		Can armored vehicles use both routes through Faid pass? that is 81st report on this. Please advise.	S-2	1st AD
x	43	1735		Verify report of 20 Italian tanks at T-2060. INTERCEPT	1st AD	CCA
x	44	1750		CP. is located at 971F39. INTERCEPT	CCA	1st AD
x	45	1753		Our leading elements have reached their destination.	CCA	1st AD
x	46	1845		INTERCEPT - T-974K28 was correct of CCA at 1630 hrs. Our own location east that point	81st	1st AD
x	47	2000		Ref. map 1/200,000 contacted friendly troops at T-987F45 at 1810. CP now at T-986Y07. INTERCEPT	81st	1st AD
x	48	2005		Your Boss was with our fwd troops at T-996S24 at 1830 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	1st AD

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE: - DJ. HAFEE

DATE - 14TH APRIL 1943

IN CUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1 0635	Attention Major Philipsborn. Have had no action to our msg. dated 5th April ref. your returning IS "O" /Z/ 12. Notes on French & Spanish Morocco. Request immediate action. 2100 hrs. 10th April.	Ist AD II Corps	S-2
x	2 0810	Bomb target in In Fidaville area. Bombing excellent on coast road north of Dr. Fidaville heavy traffic. Several vehicles & locomotives destroyed. Flak from hill just west of In Fidaville.	BB	Moon S-2
x	3 1000	Over Infidaville & north 50 trucks & 50 south of P-2365 moving north. Very heavy traffic some stopped skauda to infidaville 75 vehicles moving from P-0145 to Skikha bombed east of road at P-4168 some dropped on road fires started. Bombed on both sides of road at P-4268 to P-3676. 6 fires started very excellent results. Heavy concentration of vehicles bombed. 5 - 5 fires still burning from last bombing.	BB	Moon S-2
x	4 1105	8th Army Bomb line U-9901 - P-0402.	BB	S-2
x	5 1420	INTERCEPT - Our cousins reports enemy arty falling just west of Kairouan also a few ME's flying low over near there 1415 hrs.	CCA	Ist AD
x	6 1450	14 EM plus 3 officers were captured at O-8505. They were from 6 Regt. 961. There Company's were 1-5-6-7. 150 more prisoners coming in. INTERCEPT.	81st Pcn	Ist AD
x	7 1450	Your periodic report No. 62 cannot be read. CG CCB wishes to read it. May I have another.	S-2	Ist AD

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE:- Near LTAT SI MAAMAR

DATE:- 12TH APRIL 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	1032		Closed at Bivouac Rt. CP 5668. Thanks for the information.	Rcn	S-2
x	2	1055		INTERCEPT - This is Col. Brown Go ahead. Have your Combat 1st AD train unload & return. Have them dump as they leave. Have them report to Capt. Cribbs CP at Sebeitla. (IN THE CLEAR)		CCA
x	3			INTERCEPT - On completion of Ren of Bivouac area your will move to assembly area vicinity Faid Lessouds, coordinate movement with CG CCA.	1st AD	1st Rcn
x	4	1705		Bomb line P-5067, P-3062, due west.	BB	Moon S-2

DATE:-13TH APRIL 1943

x	1	0858		Bomb line P-4085, P-3085, P-2094, P-1093, O-9895, O-9298. heavy inaccurate Flak at K-1502., also Flak over Pont Du Fahs. Loderate 2 way traffic on road N. Zaghouan. No other traffic in area.		Moon S-2
x	2	1627		Bomb line 8th Army P-4085, P-3085, P-2094, P-1093, O-9895, O-9298.	BB	S-2 Moon

DATE:-14TH APRIL 1943

x	1	0859		Bomb line J-4085, P-3085, P-2090, P-1093, O-9389, P-9080, O-7872, O-6993, O-7499, J-7202, J-6403.	BB	Moon S-2
x	2	1325		Fighter sweep 1200 hrs. of Pont Du Fahs, Zaghouan area. 20 vehicles moving north on road P-0494, to Pont Du Fahs 3 - 4 trucks at O-9798 were bombed heavy Flak at J-9505 and F-1493.	BB	Moon S-2

DATE:-15TH APRIL 1943

x	1	1030		Sweep of Pont Du Fahs, Zaghouan area 0915 hrs. route J-7510 K-0410, K-4715, K-6015, few vehicles on Pont Du Fahs Zaghouan road. Heavy two way traffic on road from Pont Du Fahs, to Tunis, 40 trucks going south on coast road from Hammament to Enfidaville. Slight heavy Flak from K-3070.	BB	Moon S-2
x	2	1505		Recon at 1340 hrs. of Pont Du Fahs - Zaghouan area 60 to 100 vehicles heading NE from Pont Du Fahs to J-9919. Heavy 2 way traffic from J-9309, J-8013, K-0515, J-7018. A/D seen at J-6329 Metvments, but no A/C. 16 A/C on Ste Marie Du Zit.	BB	Pirate S-2
x	3	1813		Bomb Line 8th Army P-4085, P-3085, P-2390, O-9090.	BB	Pirate S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE:- Near MATA SI MAHAR

DATE:- 16TH APRIL 1943

IN	CUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	1202	Would appreciate your sending through I/C to me at Army Pictorial Service Laboratory, II Corps rear, Kodak "35" camera which I used while at CC "BW" if no longer in your possession, please advise me as to the camera's whereabouts, Army Pictorial Service	S-2	

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DATE:- 17TH APRIL 1943

x	1		<u>Certificate of Transfer</u> The following have been handed over to me by Major Philipsborn A-6183 (3 Volumes)	S-2	Maj. Phils.
x	2	0832	Recon of Coast Tunis area 0715 hrs. 8 small boats around edges of Lake Bizerte, 2 large vessels E. of Netline, several barges on beach at DCC, 6 or 7 barges on beach at K-0585. A destroyer headed NE of Sidi Bou Said. A hospital ship at anchor. Heavy traffic Hammamet to Tunis	BB	MOon
x	3	1350	Attack on Ferryville result appeared good. Hits on dock in town and in water cover engaged. 12 LE 109's & FW 190's, No claim one plane last seen vicinity of Medjez El Bab. No ground observation. 1255 hrs.	BB	MOon
x	4	1420	Results AO-2 Traffic light Tunis area 2 or 3 small vessels in Bay of Tunis and one large ship in gulf of Tunis. 1230 hrs.	BB	S-2

DATE:- 18TH APRIL 1943

x	1	0845	Dock at Tunis burning Flak belt running north east Southwest. 8 to 10 miles each side Tebourba ground observation negative.	BB	S-2 MOon
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DATE:- 19TH APRIL 1943

x	1		Bomb line P-4085, 3085, 2390, O-9890, 9184, 8480, 8070, 6994, 7400, J-7203, 6602, 6020, 6629, 5842, 5843, 5546, 5150, 4359, 4264, 2954, 2154, 2196.	S-2	
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DATE:- 20TH APRIL 1943

x	1	1350	D-3 Heavy Flak at J-6978, J-8560. Light Flak at J-5372. Heavy traffic moving west from J-4882 to J-2277. Lt. traffic moving north from NJ or J-2277. Truck parked along road between J-8664 and J-8373. Unidentified concentration well camouflaged at J-7322 traffic on dirt road from J-6001 to J-3437.		MOon Dragon S-2
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DATE:-- 21st APRIL 1943

LN	COM. FILE	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1 1022	Fighter sweep over La Sebala Protville area 0700 hrs. 5 large & 17 small boats on lake Bizerte. Med. 2 way traffic Medjez El Bab - Tebourba road net SE of Medjez El Bab centering at J-6819 free at report of traffic. Dust over road J-725. Many fires & smoke puffs seen. No E/A seen.	Dragon	Moon S-2
x	2 0730	Unconfirmed report of German landing 60 tanks at Garche on 12 April (French source). Corps believed JETIA (S-3976) area being strengthened. French troops took Bananna ridge (J-6232) yesterday. Germans counterattacked with two companies supported by four tanks and arty. French retained ridge at last report (last evening). Germans embolacing large guns at J-3986. Small cardboard boxes 6 inches long and 1 inch wide found in northern sector, believed dropped by planes and believed to contain itching powder. To be analyzed and report rendered on same.	INCITE II CORPS	S-2 1st A.D.

PLACE:-- ON THE MOVE TO BERJA

DATE:-- 22nd APRIL 1943

x	1 1150	Action V British Corps sector favorable Hermann Goering Grenadier Regiment chewed up this morning. Jaeger Regt. was badly handled yesterday. Final count on Tanks destroyed is 21, including 1 IV VI tank. Nothing in II Corps sector except patrols and sniping. 21st PZ DIV & 504 heavy tank Bn. still not located. 8th Army attacking again today.	II CORPS	S-2
x	2 1755	No movement seen road J-7133 Monachia L2 heavy motor transports moving SE J-8137 - J-8243. 40 motor transports including 3 Amm. carriers moving SE J-3644, J-9237. 1415.	Air Rcn	S-2

PLACE:-- Near BERJA

DATE:-- 23rd APRIL 1943

x	1 0020	Valley Fog predicted morning 23 April. Light showers before dawn and heavy showers probable in afternoon.	1st AD	All Units.
x	2 0735	Unit Camouflage Officers report to S-2 C/O HQ at 1100 hrs.	S-2	All Units.
x	3 0900	Recon J-4343, J-7535, J-4800 at 0700 hrs. Heavy traffic two ways largely E.E. from Medjez to Tebourba. Truck concentration in Grove J-7050. Friendly Flak encountered at J-5250.	Dragon	Moon S-2
x	4 0925	Very heavy traffic both ways mostly E.E. Medjez - Tebourba road. Bivouac area & truck park in vicinity of J-7050. 30 trucks counted in trees not much cover. Road in vicinity of Eateur no traffic. Slight Flak west of Eateur.	Dragon	Moon S-2
x	5 0945	D-Flight of 2 - P-51 received intense M/G & heavy A.A. fire over J-4242. One plane not yet returned. Investigate if any plane seen to fall & locality. Who did the firing.	Dragon	Moon S-2

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PLACE:-- Near BEJA

DATE:-- 23RD APRIL 1942

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		6	1010	1- to 15 trucks headed west at J-7905 were bombed and strafed 10 heavy trucks headed E. at K-0415 also bombed 0700 hrs.	Dragon	Moon S-2
x		7	1350	Capt. Blake report to S-2 C/C "B"	S-2	Co. A 16th Eng
x		8	1100	Map template reference holes 961 438 527. Map template tilt angle zero, effective 0001 hrs. 24 April Ack.	1st AD	All Units
x		9	1345	Weather forecast for period 23 April to 26 April. Thunderstorms mainly during mid evening sunny at other times.	1st AD	All Units.
x		10	1135	Bomb installations at J-4159, 0930 hrs. Bombs dropped on NW slope of hill at point given. 10 to 15 trucks headed E. at J-7868, scattered vehicles S. of Tebourba, Flak at J-5956 J-7957, J-6143, 10 fires at J-7555.	Dragon	Moon S-2
x		11	1235	Large concentration headed NE from J-7537 into Tunis, trucks bombed RW - J-8863 time 1120.	Dragon	Moon S-2
x		12	1342	Eclipse bombed 1250. Bombs fell SW slope. Large fires. Black smoke, No Flak, shells seen bursting NE corner DJ. Hara J-3961.	Control	All Units
x		13	1510	6 A/C attacked CR J-8811 Pont Du Fahs to Brne Herga road 1250 hrs. 8 MET found on target general impression very little road movement, 3 MT attacked J-9924, 6 A/C report 20 to 30 MT well dispersed moving both ways Pont Du Fahs Deplene 1250 hrs. General impression well dispersed MET moving both ways on road.	Control	All Units
x		14	1525	Bombs dropped on J-3777. No installations seen entire report negative.	Dragon	S-2 Moon
x		15	1548	A/E ? Bombed 1242 hrs. direct hits also on road IS - 5 seen J-7545.	Control	All Units
x		16	1550	Bombers attacked Balu hill J-3775 at 1306 hrs. Bombs fell in target area no movement seen.	Control	All Units
x		17	2240	At 1950A, 23 April, movement of enemy vehs to SW observed out of mine at J-3563. At 1915A, enemy vehs moving SW seen at 355609. No description of identifications of vehs available. The area from which vehs observed moving is occupied by the 1st Bn of the BARETTIN Rgt with the 2nd & 3rd Bns farther to the N & NE. The 91st Rcn Bn (II Corps troops) and the 1st Inf Div are aware of the enemy vehicular movements. Corps will keep Div informed of situation.	G-2m 1 AD	C/C "B" Element
x		18	1703	Fighters bombers attacked I-4 J-6735 I-4 number unobserved hit About 4 bombs fell on Farmhouse J-7437. 2 tanks bombed J-6936 Bursts on road 1525 A.	Control	II Cor

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PLACE: -- Near BEJA

DATE: -- 23rd APRIL 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	19	1715		Immediate night land marks required 2030 A tonite until 0430A. Ack.	Control	9th Inf Div
x	20	1730		D-17 route on Ren was to KATEUR J-8030 and return nothing of enemy air or ground activity. Lite flak inaccurate in vicinity of J-7747. Heavy flak only traffic seen was very light vicinity of KATEUR. All other reports negative.	Dragon	Moon S-2
x	21	1930		T AC/R T.O.A. 1710 A 15 MET at Farm at J-7139 and 15 Inf J-7037 (6) 4 well camouflaged MT possibly tanks J-7239. One tank two MT J-7438. 5 tanks J-7136. Flak from wadi J-7034.	Control	II Corps
x	22	2025		15 A/C attacked SIRTINSIR station 1745A. 3 likely hits. Station believed to be supply depot 22 MET J-7259. Fighter escort 1810A reported 14 MET stationary on Road S of KSARTYR.	Control	1st Inf Div
x	23	2030		Bombers 1430 hrs attacked 2690. - P-2395 gun area. Report main cong. area P-2396. Road K-2200 P-2390. lvt. both ways Tac/R 1800 hrs report 15 tanks & MET)-9997-NATNI dispersed. KSARTYR	Control	1-Inf 2-Corps S-2
x	24	2130		Tac/R 1850 hrs vis very bad steady general lvt. in easterly direction from CR J-7200 to J-8201 & to Pont Du Fahs. Situation J-7600 confused.	Control	2-Corps S-2
x	25	2140		Bombers 1624 hrs I/G K-3743 fire started. 3 A/C seen T I/G K-4108. No A/C seen.	Control	S-2 2-Corps

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PLACE: -- Fme La Foresteriere

DATE: -- 24 April 1943.

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	Origin	To
X	1	1032		Report on enemy air activity at J-295455: 1 JU 88 flew east at 150 ft altitude dropped about 20 small anti-personnel bombs and flew off at 0240 A.	S-2 13 AR	S-2
x	2	1335		2 co's men approaching in vicinity J-355595 also 9 unidentified vehicles same locality. 3 MG nests & approx. 1 Co enemy in vicinity J-352607.	Rcn 13 AR	CG CC/B
x	3	1400		3rd Plt reached point J-2664 where they received fire from J-3066. Pushed back to J-2562 remaining there observation & pushing patrols to flanks.	Rcn 13 AR	CG CC/B
x	4	1430		Rcn reached points J-2664 where they received fire from J-3066. Pushed back to J-2562 remaining there in observation and pushing patrols to flanks	S-2 CC/B	G-2 1 AD
x	5	1440		Request maps as follows: 25 rd maps N. Africa, 15 Tunisia 1/2,000,000, 5 1/200,000 sheets 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.	S-2 CC/B	G-2 1 AD
x	6	1600		3rd Plt Rcn 1st AR 3261 got to 3463 where fired on by Arty from across it, 3rd Plt has Op 3361. (Hill 302) Pltn working up draw Berhet 3461. Trucks previously reported as 16th Inf Pltn 91st Rcn 3161.	S-2	G-2 1 AD
x	7	0745		Fighters down 1705 hrs /23 report heavy traffic moving SW all roads to Font Du Fahs.	Control	2 Corps S-2
x	8	0620		Enemy A/C active over this area 0700-0300 few bombs light strafing.	13th FA Brig.	Control
x	9	0620		Enemy A/C dropped bombs at J-3647 at 0250 A. This morning no ground confirmation on any Bombing today area yesterday.	1 Inf	Control IS-2X
x	10	1432		Lighter sweep 1120-1240A claim following: 3/4 ton lorries 1 staff car w/trailer damaged. 2-3 ton lorries destroyed rd J-8808, J-9019 further 4/5 trucks observed. MMS J-6507, J-8707 light flak J-8718. Sog Tenage area. Tac/AR area Font Du Fahs reports MMS owing to weather approx 1235A.	Control	2 Corps S-2
x	11	1520		Location now J-3450	1 Inf	S-2 & Control
x	12	1750		Rcn Co 1st AR will take over at daylight 25 April. Rcn along road J-2154, J-3056, J-3347. Reconiter on the left of 3rd Ln 26th Inf as far N as 1st Inf boundary & maintain contact w/91st Rcn sqd which is operating under 9th Inf Div & is covering gap between 1st Inf and 9th Inf as far South as boundary between Div's Rcn. Co 1st AR will relieve B Co 81st Rcn Bn which is now performing this mission. Put listening set in 91st Rcn Sqn Net.	CG 1st AD	S-2 CC/B

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PLACE:-- FME IA FORSTIERE

DATE:-- 25TH APRIL 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0800	Weather outlook for next few days: cloudy at first becoming clear. Surface winds light & wind mainly from NE.	1st AD	All Unit
x		2	1015	1st plat. No report as to mine dismantled patrol has not returned. Fire received in vicinity of J-2961. Probably from Dj. Bou Touil J-364619 cannot locate definitely believed to be about 75mm and one gun firing approx. 15 rounds.	1st AR	S-2
x		3	1040	3 vehicles reported at 355631 probably tank as fire on Turk (325615) received from flat Trajectory weapon from vicinity 355631 dismantled patrols now working toward mine. This report as of 0930 hrs.	S-2	1st AD
x		4	1100	No report as to mine at J-3563 dismantled patrol has not returned. Fire received in vicinity of J-2961, probably from Dj. Bou Touil J-369619 cannot locate definitely believed to be about 75mm and one gun firing approx. 15 rounds.	S-2	1st AD
x		5	1045	1st Ren Troop of 1st Inf div. is pulling out and going into positions to east Dj. Grembil. Iam maintaining contact with Inf. on right of our sector. Nothing new to report from plats or 91st Recon. Sq.	Ren 1st A.R.	S-2
x		6	1140	British Ren states no vehicular movement seen in Louse Tran last two days. 3 enemy tanks at J-355633 firing to SW at 1100. 13th	S-2 S-2 CCB	
x		7	1210	Corp. Emberton returned at 1145 hrs. says rest of scout section ambushed, he doubts if many have escaped. Dug in Inf. at J-3665 10 & machine pistols & rifle fire received from this point.	Ren 1st A.R.	S-2 CCB
x		8	1210	10 Cavalry (unidentified) have entered building you are registered on. Have observed two men on hill top to left of pass. Building mentioned is entrance to mine shaft. Iam 600 yds. short of building. --- Fire 10 rds on building. I will then go forward unless you direct otherwise. Your firing will be my signal to advance.	It. Ely Ren 1st A.R.	S-2 CCB
x		9	1210	OP on hill 302 driven off by shell fire approx 47mm. Coming from general area of mine but actual positions unknown.	Ren AR	1st S-2 CCB
x		10	1140	Route lateur & return time 0915-1025. one large ship in North center of Lake Bizerte. 15 med size vessels in south part of lake 3 subs just off Ferryville all in lake Bizerte. 12 veh going north at J-6065. No activity on road in lateur area.	Dragon	S-2 Moon
x		11	1541	Fortified hills at J-3877 & J-3875 bombed at 1350 A. IES or no activity observed in vic of target. 10-15 tnks trucks stationary at J-6479. 15 M.I.T. on secondary rd at J-6418. No flock encountered.	Dragon	Moon S-2
x		12	1605	Bombers attacked Djazir J-8420 in waves 1350-1435A. 15 tnks definitely seen being on fire. Gully J-843203, J-843208 contained 50-60 IET. Control many HE around gun emplacements seen. Bombs fell among all above smoke and explosions made observation difficult. Escort confirmed that bombs fell in target area.		2 corp -2
x		13	1685	TAC/R down 1515A 2 MET rd J-4785 otherwise no MVT seen all roads area J-4193, J-5996. visibility 3-4 miles hazy.	Control	All Unit

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Place: FME LA FORESTIERE

DATE : 25 April 1943

<u>IN. OUT. NO.</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN TO</u>
x 14	1630	1st Inf div lost contact with enemy all along line at 1600A French on the north now holding hill at 340910. The road SW of Mateur has motor traffic on it. 1st Inf regained contact at the following points with enemy: 471548, 475548 at 1615A. Enemy arty observed at 551521. Mortar fire from 4857. The following: 16th at 4955, 16th at 4655, & 26th at 4559.	Br. S-2 Lt. Col.
x 15	1717	Recon 1520-1530 A vehicles in woods J-7634 traffic heading south 200 yds apart. Tunis to La Mohammedja.	Dragon S-2
x 16	1730	Loderate vicinity of Teberba time 1555-1700	" "
x 17	2030	Have Ren off. of 2nd & 3rd Bn & CO or Ex Off of Ren Co report this CP 0800A 25 April	S-2 CO 13 AR

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PLACE: * FNE LA FORESTIERE

DATE :- 26 April 1943.

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0800	Late replies from fighters bombers down 1822-1835A & 1900A MET bombed J-7538 & on rd N of Massicault. 3 large fires J-8507. Heavy Tebourba-Massicault- Depienne. 9 LIE 109's & FW 190 seen. 1 plane destroyed.	Control	2 corps S-2
x		2	0930	1st Inf Div reached 4597 & J6055 at 0800A. No contact & continuing on. 9th Inf at J-3994 & 4089 early this morning No contact. British V Corps along line Longstop(6243) & Petants-Corner(7032) still fighting at Pete's Corner.	Fr Corps	CG 1 AD
x		3	1040	Your Co. reverts to Div control as of now. You will remove your Co to your original assy. area, near trains. C.O. reports G-2 Div.	CG CCB	Ren 1st AR
x		4	1234	CP now located at J-4853. INTERCEPT	81st Ren	CG 1 AD
x		5	1250	MS between J-190559 & J-500575, also MS in valley north of these points. INTERCEPT.	81st Ren	CG 1 AD
				withdrawal south of 25 J-462 087 1300A INTERCEPT		
			1040			
X		7		Moderate 2 way traffic on E-W rd vic J-4580 0930	Dragon	100n S-2
x		8	1115	Observation Pont Du Fahs Tebourba are report neg. 0930A	Dragon	Moon S-2
x		9	1130	Ren Co 1st AR has been relieved & is returning to div control. It will move from this area. You will maintain contact w/91st Ren Bn & report their findings to this Hq.	CG CCB	3rd Bn 13AR
x		10	1200	At J-565508 six-ten enemy veh at 1100-1152A. INTERCEPT	81 Ren	CG 1AD
x		11	1215	At J-545501 evy gun position 1150-1203A INTERCEPT	81 Ren	CG 1AD
x		12	1230	Fwd elements at 25J569 G92 & 25J569 G85 & 25J554 G72 & 25J554 G99. CP at 25J455 W72 1224A	81 Ren	CG 1AD
* x		13	1350	According to arrangements made by Col Cairns & Capt Moran the S-2 H/track & another H/track will come to CCB for this operation. Gen Robnett desires that these two vehicles report to HQ CCB early this afternoon. Personnel additional to driver & radio operator not necessary.	CG CCB	CG 13AR
x		14	1350	At J-560564 unidentified veh moving West 1325-1353A INTERCEPT	81Rnc	CG 1AD
x		15	1450	The Ren code sent out by this Hq will be used except for Unit names. These will be as laid down in SOI. Link procedure will be used.	S-2 Ren	13AR 1 Pltn Ren 776TD
X		16	1525 (INTERCEPT)	At J-560562 one enemy vehicle & 5 dsmd men driven East by our gun fire. 4 other dsmd seen in field same vicinity 1510A.	81 Ren	CG 1 AD
x		17	1555	Fwd elements at 25J563K42 & 25J555 U02 & 25J554 G77 at 1500A 1530A INTERCEPT.	81 Ren	CG 1 AD
x		18	1605	(Re: 6th Inf Disposition) 25658K98 moving to 25658K26 - 25658L12 moving to 25658L21. CP 25658W23- 1600A INTERCEPT	CG 1 AD	81 Ren

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PLACE: Fmc la Forestiere

DATE: 26 April 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	19	1637	Teller mine field located at J-500479. 1630A	81 Ren	J AD
x	20	1644	At J-560562 estimated 15 demtd men seen. 2 Veh thought to be trucks seen going East from J-560562. They turned North at J-568564. 1614-1640A INTERCOM	81 Ren	1 AD
x	21	1700	At J-553602 rather by one AA fire enemy plane shot down pilot escape in route 1615-1644A.	81 Ren	1 AD
x	22	1830	81 Ren fwd elements at 526526. 81 (1) 1956 at 1245. J-560564 unidentified veh moving West 1375A	81 Ren	S-2 CC B
x	23	1600	34th Inf rec'd fire from enemy which is along line 370615 - 375597 - 400600 - 540605. 9th Inf at 3484-3482 - 3581 - 3479. No contact. Fr. meeting mild resistance at 3993 - 3691.	81 Ren	S-2 CC B
x	24	1641	At J-553602 rather by AA fire. Resistance in front of 7th Corps appear crumbling. Fr. says they are to retire to Tebourka. Hwy traffic moving NE from Pont Du Fais.	81 Ren	S-2 CC B
x	25	1600	81 Ren fwd elements at 526526. 81 (1) 1956 at 1245. J-560564 unidentified veh moving West 1375A	81 Ren	S-2 CC B
x	26	1700	1st Army making progress area JB Asoup (J-7042) Battle in progress NE Tebourka Hourzia for JB Bou Hourzine (J-7016) Enemy has strong arty in hill positions. To south Fr. have taken Station de Rich (J-004) & are across Pont Du Fais - 2400. 2d at J-5502. Germans in land Robin position cut off. Fr. report advancing & near Pont Du Fais. 1st Army no progress. on line J-560564 - Pont Du Fais - Zaghouan - Mafideville	81 Ren	S-2 CC B
x	27	1725	Large concentration of trucks & vehicles at J-0218	D-15	Moan
x	28	1845	S-2 Large motor transports stationary at J-5895. 1st moving at J-4785. No mvt seen other roadside later	Empire	Grey Ghost
x	29	1900	Red message concerning German material in cave at J-2055 G-4 will be notified of location.	G-4	S-2 1 AD CC B
x	30	1945	7 dugouts at J-533592 to J-534581, occupied by Germans. They are flank protection for 3 guns battery at about J-534493. 1911 1936A INTERCOM	81 Ren	CC 1 AD

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PLACE: Fme la Forestiere.

DATE: 27 April 1943.

IH	CUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0905	OP at 25J-657061 in contact with friendly troops. Fwd elements at 25J-596-T96. INTERCEPT	81	1 AD
x	2	0913	En arty fire falling in area J-513505 at 0840A. 5 unidentified vehs reported in our msg of 0847A are trks dsmt men are firing Ren into Anserine farm 0908A INTERCEPT	81	1 AD
x	3	0914	3. gun battery at J-560562. INTERCEPT	81Ren	1 AD
x	4	0848	5 unidentified vehs & approx 20 dsmtd men moving along rd at J-565575 at 0840A.	81Ren	1 AD
x	5	0830	ad Ren report by 81 Ren area from J-539540 to SE can be crossed by wheel vehs. Route from J-468530 to 499539 suitable for Div lds. Route from J-468530 to 488550 to 528568 suitable for Div lds. except for wadi crossing between J-468530 to 488550	1st	G-2
x	6	1030	Frdly troops attacking enemy on Dj Nara 3960. Enemy reserve line identified are Ref Neesour 4564 1000A. (INTERCEPT)	Div	G-2
x	7	1100	On hill 315 J-564498 - 8 enemy MG's 2 mortars, 2 large guns. 443-200 J-569506 held by enemy strength not yet determined.	6	1st Div
x	8	1101	At J-570564 to J-560562 8 unidentified vehs moved down rd to Anserine farm & then rstd to NE going out of sight. Farm appears to be supply dump. 1035 INTERCEPT	81	Div Ren
x	9	1212	INTERCEPT AT J-560515 there is believed to be an 81st mortar line identified are Ref Neesour 4564 1000A.	1155	81Ren Div
x	10	1350	INTERCEPT - Position forward elements no change 1300 hrs.	81st	Div
x	11	1350	To 2 & 3 at J-5459 gun flash can be observed 1300 hrs.	81st	Div
x	12	1152	INTERCEPT - Our patrol reached point 25 - J-569165 by road wadi crossings good. Heavy fire down at that point gun flashes seen in grove east of Anserine Farm 1015 hrs. Patrol has returned 1135 hrs.	81st	Div
x	13	1335	INTERCEPT - No change position of forward elements 1300-1323A.	81st	Div
x	14	1230	Weather forecast thunder showers mixed w/fair periods during next few days.	Div	411 Unit
x	15	1330	No change position of fwd elements 1300. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	16	1235	Find attached, 1-overly on enemy activities this area.	3-13th	G-2
x	17	1353	Patrol has reached point 25J661 MIC HNS 1337A. Enemy fire rec'd at J552526 at 1315 - 1339A. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	18	1341	Information no enemy movement observed in valley except occasional movement at Anserine Farm. 1330-1333A. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	19	1343	Enemy fire received at J-552526 - 1315 - 1339A INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	20	1345	Patrol has reached point 25J661 MIC HNS - 1337A INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	21	1516	81 Ren repts btry of arty at 535592 gun positions at 565565 enemy troops located at 565505. INTERCEPT.	DIV	CGA
x	22	1540	2 dsmtd men seen to approach Anserine Farm from NE at 1500A. 2 more at 1515 hrs. INTERCEPT.	81st	Div

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE: -FAE L. FORESTIERE

DATE: - 27 April 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	23	1545	81st Bn repts that friendly arty concentrations are falling on enemy gun position to the north of Anserine this enemy gun position & dismounted Inf. at 565565, enemy batry 535592. Patrol 81st Bn 500 yds west Anserine enemy troops located 565505.	-Div WALKER	S-2
x	24	1455	30m line J-5556, J-6256, J-6455. 8th Army positions unchanged. 1st Div will adv. to line P-0091, 9500 today. line S-7620, 7720 still held by enemy with some PK 6 tanks 38 Brig J-3745, 2 IF at J-6144. 1 Bn C PA J-3995. 2 Bn at J-3692, 3 Bn at J-0492.	Div	S-2
x	25	1720	2 dism'd men came out of Hills and went to J-568558. One man then returned to J-595557, 1550 hrs. - 1706 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	26	1910	INTERCEPT - At J-538498, 2 German captured at 1500 hrs. said only 8 small guns left in their Bn. morale was low, said his Bn was headed for Tunis, said their Bn received heavy shell fire 1700 hrs.	81st	Div
x	27	2200	Imperative have some air bombing at 1300 hrs. on HIS 561503 for morale purposes.	INTERCEPT	

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE:-- Near FGHDCUC

DATE:-- 26TH APRIL 1943

TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 1 0130	Strong evidence enemy withdrawing to your front push Ren up east side House Trap to Hill 157J573592 so determine if enemy has evacuated high ground in your front. If occupied push Inf accordingly. Keep us advised. S1st Ren directed to push sidler Ren 4354. INT REPORT	DIV	CCA
x 2 0300	INT REPORT - 1st Inf Div attacks at 0300 hrs. today.	DIV	S1st Ren
x 3 0530	Battle group vicinity 5060 and 1st & 2nd Bns of 755 Regt. on Badjar Hill J-5459 elements Badjar Hill area 3 to west observed moving NW late in day withdrawal may be in progress from 3rd Bn 756 Regt. possibly in area 5959 enemy believed thinning out in 5747 sector enemy reported preparing defensive works. Information by 1600 hrs. 27 April friendly troops had reached 25J559D75 & 25J656J56 had Ren elements at 25J559D75, 25J642L84 enemy driven off Dg. 11 Para J-3960 enemy btr located near formation at following places J-450603 & 482603 & 575607, 4 guns heavy M Btry at J-5759 25J656J56 area 708315 mined & booby trapped. Enemy poisoning wells as he is forced back 0400.	DIV	S-2 CCB
x 4 0647	2 rds. enemy shell fire fell vicinity of J-5151 at 0625 hrs. S1st INT REPORT	Div	
x 5 0710	Area Pont Bu Pans, no movement seen rd. J-8915 to J-9327. 4 large mtr transports stationary facing J-8521. 5 stationary facing J. J-5526. 5 moving N. rd. Pont Bu Pans to B17 engine no movement seen direction to J-9919. General impression not much movement.	Ren	Broadcast
x 6 0721	Area Passicault - 10 large tanks & 12 mtr transports avg 11 rd. J-8441 to J-8545. 30 mtr transports moving N. from St. Caprien to J-7842. No movement seen road J-7842 to J-7133. NB rd. J-8122 to J-9546.	Ren	Broadcast
x 7 0805	Gun fire believed to be coming from vic. J-568580 at 0705 hrs. 7 disrd men seen avg at J-502570, seems to be a gun position there 2 unidentified vehs. avg into position led by 7 disrd men at J-603575 at 0710 hrs. Disrd men seen on ridge at J-603575. INT REPORT	S1st	Div
x 8 0817	No fire believed to be coming from vic. J-568580. fwd elements at 25J566J56 necessary to move off road because of enemy fire 0839. INT REPORT	S1st	Div
x 9 0850	2 enemy observers seen at J-548525 at 0835 hrs. INT REPORT	S1st	Div
x 10 0858	Fwd elements at 25J566J56. 1 disrd man avg from " to W at J-555590. There seems to be a gun in this position also but cannot locate for sure. INT REPORT	S1st	Div
x 11 0904	534 Palmer lateral 8/10 0730 hrs. INT REPORT	B Co.	C.C.
x 12 0928	Strive to get from P. 's locations of all enemy minefields.	Div	All Unit
x 13 1057	Information no noticeable change in position of fwd elements NB in valley itself. 1053 hrs. INT REPORT	S1st	Div
x 14 1025	Information road swept to 25J661J52 & to 25J555H83 rd. good this fr. 1019 hrs. INT REPORT	S1st	Div

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S-2 JOURNAL

DATE: 23 APRIL 1943

IN	CUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	15	1020	Information at J-603575 combat disintd mt 4 men going up hill behind Anserine Farm 0930 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	16	1125	INTERCEPT - Information 4 disintd men came down hill behind Anserine Farm & stopped at 582565. There appears to be some type of a position at this point 1105 hrs.	81st	Div
x	17	1125	Request your location 1120 hrs.	81st	CCB
x	18	1141	INTERCEPT - 4 disintd men came down hill behind Anserine Farm and stopped at 582565.	81st	Div
x	19	1147	Reece time 1115 hrs. Prune Graham Luck HES 15 small 1/T between St. Caprien & Massicault avg both directions 2 large 1/T seen at J-3143 avg SW 1 large tank avg N. thru Farm J-7944. Prepared positions seen on line J-7844 to J-7847 height over area 6000 ft to 8000 ft, also between J-5083 & Pateur 20 plus 1/T avg north west time over area 1135 hrs.	1st Army	All Units
			at 412626 estimated enemy company on hill 609 - 456612 air reports concentrations of vehs. & tanks at J-5846 at 0920.	Div	All Units
x	21	1152	INTERCEPT - Information CP at 25J564922 & 25J658829 HES in valley 1153 hrs.	81st	Div
x	22	1250	INTERCEPT - CP reports enemy Inf on hill 315 - 564999 - 1144.	81st	Div
x	23	1305	INTERCEPT - Fwd elements at 25J566P100 - 1301 hrs.	81st	Div
x	24	1340	INTERCEPT - 18 unidentified planes bombed vic. of our front 6th 1315 hrs. Heavy attack on vic. 58490 supported by mortars. Inf. Div and H.G.s started at 1200 hrs. Hill 345 - 573495 occupied by enemy, strength unknown 1330 hrs.	Inf. Div	
x	25	1447	2 prisoners taken vicinity 553506 report 3 Co's enemy Inf. on hill 299 563505 and also 3 Co's on hill 315 - 564499 - 1440 A.	Inf. Div	
x	26	1355	INTERCEPT at J-530584 - 8 disintd men observed avg. SW at 1320 hrs. 2 disintd men seen approaching Anserine Farm at 1335 hrs.	81st	Div
x	27	1400	Mad at 25J553148 impossible to wheeled vehs. road up to that pt. is good 1353 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	28	1420	enemy now holds hill 396, 569481 - 1425. INTERCEPT	6th	Inf. Div
x	29	1402	At J-530584 - 8 disintd men observed moving SW at 1320A 2 disintd men seen approaching Anserine Farm 1335-45 INTERCEPT	81st	Inf. Div
x	30	1005	3 ME 109's flew over area (CP) 1005A	S-2	
x	31	1545	HC-7 Alert one Pltn for immediate movement. CG rpt here.	S-2	Ren 13AR
x	32	1540	At J-546444 - 60 vehs maybe tanks. Fanning out for attack. Are being taken under arty fire 1420A-1530A	Div	All Units

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S-2 JOURNAL

DATE: 28 April 1943

IN	Cat NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	33	1501	Arab P/W rpts mines at 543628 & 546601 along rd to 552601 also Div at 501597. 5 guns probable 105's at 504614. H.L. 239 & 270 GR15901 captured w/entrenchments near Rosen ruins. Arab said his wife, mother and 4 children killed by a mine at 5560. Reason for sincerity 1500A	INTERCEPT	Un-known
x	34	1538	INTERCEPT Enemy gun fire coming from vic J-560600. 3 enemy trucks parked behind barn and in trees at J-553537. 1 Mk 3 tank parked under red topped barn at J-540540. One M/cycle near tank another Mk 3 tank in position under roof of house at J-552518 3 tanks parked on rd at J-552511. No activity seen and no arty fire from Anserine Pde at present at 135A 1509A	INTERCEPT	81Rcn Div
x	35	1621	Enemy fire falling on pt J-520520 1608A	INTERCEPT	81Rcn Div
x	36	1635	3 Austrian prisoners taken at J-520557 at 1608A. No further info at this time. Cur fwd elements forced back to 25J553J36 by fire.	INTERCEPT.	81Rcn Div
		1703			
x	37	1703	INTERCEPT 3 German prisoners taken this morning vic J-553492 identification: 2nd Co, 1st Bn 47th Inf location of Co believed to be Hill 299 (J-635.6) 1650.		Ctr Inf 1 AD
			INTERCEPT 1000 ft. of P.W. line over area 1636. 3 to 6, 40 ft.		Non Net Stat
x	39	1840	INTERCEPT liaison off reports en at 251553847 verify or deny.		Div 6 Inf
x	40	2135	INTERCEPT Ctr Inf alive taken hills 315, 341, 357, 196. The British have taken hills 4-1, 6, 176.		Div CG

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PLACE: Near FORTDONK

DATE: 29 April 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0719		to ryl or activity seen in valley 0700/0712. Broadway clear of enemy. 1st Div of ryl, to 25J555135. Mielly rt clear to 25J555 3-25. Later of crossing from 25J555 3-61 to 25J555 1-18 also clear INTERCEPT		
x	2	0744		Enemy shell fire on J-525525 around 700-730. INTERCEPT	81 Ren	1 AD
x	3	0800		Fwd elements now at 25J561 317 and 25J 569 102 and 25J 555 31 1-26 and 5J552 1-47 0752 INTERCEPT	81 Ren	1 AD
x	4	0845		Make written report of result of recon mission assigned by Gen. G. H. C. and Br. Robinson to accompany by overfly. 13th		
x	5	0930		At J572549 there are 1. stationary vel. facing W. when friendly. 11 Ren 1 AD arty fire fell on grove. E. of machine fire. 2 men seen to 1 leave grove 0900. INTERCEPT	11 Ren	1 AD
x	6	0940		2 prisoners taken this morning on Hill 299. They said mines are CCA 1 AD in radi at J-525507 around Fort in tact. said to prevent tank action at base of hill. They are from 3 Co 48th, strength 60 to 70. covers killed 23 yesterday. INTERCEPT	CCA	1 AD
x	7	0951		At 25J5661. 2 prisoners taken on Hill 299. They are friends 0950. - 0944. INTERCEPT		
x	8	1-02		13 prisoners taken this morning on Hill 315 (565499). 6 Inf 1 AD Prisoners report anti tank minefields at 566498. Mine are bobby trapped at 565498 3 enemy tanks at 0930 being fired upon by us at 1001. INTERCEPT		
x	9	1020		At J-50879 one truck moved to east out of sight at 1010. INTERCEPT	81 Ren	1 AD
x	10	1040		Air Ren at 0830 hrs. reports arty fire from North & South slopes of B2 Louerine 6353 and from J-5082. Light scattered traffic on roads INTERCEPT	DIV	ALL UNITS
x	11	1051		At J-500572 appears to be a gun position smoke sighted there 1035 hrs. - 1048 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	12	1053		At J-5558 enemy gun firing 1040 hrs. - 1044 INTERCEPT	81st	DIV CCA
x	13	1101		At J-500572 appears to be a gun position. Smoke sighted there 1035 hrs. - 1048 INTERCEPT	81st	Div CCA
x	14	1110		At 543513 - 1 enemy 57mm firing at 1100 hrs. INTERCEPT	6th Inf	Div
x	15	1230		Forecast for 29 & 30 April probable thunder showers mixed with fair periods.	Div	3-2 CCB
x	16	1230		At J-500520 30/50 men disarmed driven to E. by friendly arty fire at 1205 hrs. - 1216 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	17	1236		INTERCEPT - At J-5550 H.G. firing at 1200 hrs. at J-555505 enemy Inf. going over hill to E. at 1215 hrs.	81st	Div
x	18	1303		At 25J566113 C.A. established 1248 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	19	1325		INTERCEPT At J-50562 is on RT Gun Cal. undetermined reptd to us by friends. at J675575 RT Guns firing using both RP & 129 1248 hrs.	81st	Div
x	20	1351		Lift arty fire from 25J566161 and from 25J506132. INTERCEPT	81st	Div

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE:- Near FOUKOUK

DATE:- 29th APRIL 1943

TH. GMT. NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	21 1410	C.P. reports enemy gun firing from 565579 1400 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	22 1450	At 565505 enemy Inf moving SW along ft. hills in groups of 8 & 10. 2 groups were seen at J-549516 & vicinity nothing seen of any large or small gun 1500 hrs.	81st	Div
x	23 1430	IBS in valley 1400 hrs. - 1430 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	24 1528	Information at E end of valley, 3 gun try firing periodically exact location not known. 1 gun firing from vicinity Anserine Farm 1515 hrs.	81st	Div
x	25 1632	Information at J53661254 fwd elements have seen no movement enemy arty fire falling vicinity J532527 - 1624 INTERCEPT	81st Bn	S-2 Div
x	26 1650	Information at J-565540 enemy gun is firing probably howitzer 1630 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st Bn	S-2 Div
27 1630				
considerable Flak.				
x	28 1735	Information at J-562500. Enemy gun firing 1650 hrs. - 1734 INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	29 1850	Bomb line as of 0800 hrs. D-4705 - J-4194 - J-4299 - J-4390 - J-3890 - J-3870 - J-4568 - J-5260.	Dragon	S-2
x	30 1600	Report type, direction, number of A/C location of enemy air attacks. Advise damage done when known. Reports lately of no value. Advise your ground units.		
x	31 1900	At J-590558 one enemy vehicle thought to be a truck going SW at 1815 hrs. at 1845 hrs. vehs. reappeared & went east 1853 hrs.	81st	Div
x	32 1930	Information - Enemy has taken high ground at J-6247 & J-6146 using 2nd Bn 756 2nd Bn 47th 40 tanks south of river south of J-7032 are 2nd Regt Herman Coering Gren. 1st Regt Herman Coering Yeager 10th A/C Bn east & southeast of longstop hill, also in area 2nd Bn 754 - 3rd Bn 754 - 190 Bn Bn at Sidi Bou Baker 1st Bn 962 - 1920 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	All Units.

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE:-- Near FONDOUK

DATE:-- 30TH APRIL 1943

IN.	OUT.	NOL.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0620	Information NMS & no enemy activity observed at first light 0615 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x		2	0720	INTERCEPT - Information at J-563554 & Anserine Farm enemy MG & rifle fire was encountered by our patrols during night 0716 hrs.	81st	Div
x		3	0727	INTERCEPT - Information road from 25J553090 to 25J553J90 to 25J553K98 to 25J553L21 swept & clear of mine 0715A	81st	Div
x		4	0752	INTERCEPT - Information at J-575564. One gun still firing 0735 hrs.	81st	Div
x		5	0800	At J-5559, one gun firing sounds like Mortar 0715 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x		6	0835	INTERCEPT - Information CP at 25J661J12 reports friends situation on their left unchanged from yesterday 0825 hrs.	81st	Div
				25J553K98 to 25J553L21 swept & clear of mine 0715A slight mvt all farms in area 15 large tks J-7334. 4 MT Broad-mvg N. J-7857. 4 mvg. NE time over area 0730 hrs. Tebourba to Yassicault to J-7639. 20 Mtr transports J-7944 otherwise NMS. James GNF area J-8034. 20 mtr transports mvg. all directions on minor rds. in area.	81st	Div
x		8	0951	INTERCEPT - Vicinity Anserine Farm there are Mark Teller mines on top of the ground approx. 1 enemy plat. worked from Anserine Farm toward Badjar Mt. J-545587 at 0700 hrs. in vicinity J-562555 dismd men & ME's were seen 0942 hrs.	81st	Div
x		9	1020	INTERCEPT - At J-540583 - 3 dismd men believed to be arty observers 0950 hrs.	81st	Div
x		10	1000	Have Ren. off. report to S-2 C/G "B" at 1200 hrs.	S-2	All Units
x		11	1050	At 25J657D71 OP at 25J563W75 fwd elements 1045 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x		12	1055	PMC - 7 send plat leaders in peeps to this Hq. at 1200 hrs.	S-2	Ren Co.
x		13	0930	Herewith more photos of Tine Valley. We have repeated requests to Corps for more photos (Intelligence & terrain study coverage & obliques) which incl. areas you requested Corps says it will achieve all possible.	C-2 1st A.D.	S-2
x		14	1152	INTERCEPT - At J-562563 one gun firing, gun is under largest tree north of main building at Anserine Farm at 1115 hrs.	81st	Div
x		15	1208	INTERCEPT - At vicinity of J-530578 one P.W. captured details will follow at 1145 hrs.	81st	Div
x		16	1320	INTERCEPT - Information at J-553537 A/T fire was received by our tank patrol this morning.	81st	Div

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE:-- Near FONDOUK

DATE:-- 30TH APRIL 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	17	1345		INTERCEPT - Information at 25J569G70, New OP established.	81st	Div
x	18	1625		INTERCEPT - Information NMS & no activity observed in valley	81st	Div
x	19	2055		INTERCEPT - Dusk report friendly arty placed on Anserine Farm caused dismd men to scatter. Enemy ambulance made two trips to Farm during afternoon. At dusk NMS or activity observed. 2042 hrs.	81st	Div
x	20	2200		Bomb line P-3992, 3192, 2687, 1590, 0596, J-9303, 8706, 8307, 8411, 8015, 8120, 7124, 7130, 7332, 7336, 6840, 7143, 6745, 6747, 5552, 5557, 5162, 3663, 3780, 4880, D-4656.	Air	S-2

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE: Near FONDOUK.

TIME: 1 MAY 1943.

IN	QRT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0140	Forecast for 1st May. No change.	Div	All U.
x		2	0754	Tac/R area MATEUR, 2 tracked AFV stationary on rd J-6763 & 1 LT mvg NE on rd J-4868 to Mateur 6 MT in Wadi at J-6764 NMS rd Sidi Mizia to Tebourba. NMS in Mateur. INTERCEPT	Air Ren	All Station
x		3	0837	Tac/R N of Matur 8 Met moving SE from 4982 to Mateur, 3 met mvg E at 4982 NMS rd 5194 to 4982 NMS rd 5194 to 5896 NMS Mateur to 4868. NMS Mateur to 6978.	Br 1st A.	All Statio.
x		4	0927	At J-529583 enemy OP still in operation. INTERCEPT	81 Ren	Div
x		5	1007	At J-529583 enemy OP knocked off by our shell fire 100A	81 Ren	Div
x		6	1150	INTERCEPT At J-568564 - 4 dsmt'd men left wadi & went to wadi along rd at J- 574564 1140-1146 A	81 Ren	Div
x		7	1335	XX Vicinity of J-530584 arty. can be heard unable to spot exact location 1326A	81	Div
x		8	1350	1-5-57 eighteen vehs. also light tank from area. observed by air at 1200-1330A INTERCEPT	81	Div
x		9	1630	At J-568580 3 enemy vehs moved from wadi to bridge 1623A	81 Ren	Div
x		10	1641	Ref or leg 1630 correct coord are J-568580 Ref; our leg 1630 veh stopped on rd 100 yds south of bridge 1642A	81 ren	Div
x		11	1740	Report is that several more small groups of about 20 men per group coming down from hill 279 towards 299 Maybe forming for an attack. under our arty fire INTERCEPT	81 ren	Div
x		12	1745	At J-550582 can be seen an enemy observer 1738A	81stren	Div
x		13	1832	At J-533584 is a large gun or mortar 1820-1827A	81 ren	Div
x		14	1940	Dusk report- 3 vehs mentioned in msg 1630A in same position. No other activity observed 1925 - 1936A	81 ren	Div

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S - 2 JOURNAL

PLACE: Near FORDOUK.

DATE: 2 May 1943.

IN-OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1 0832	At Anserine line 25 to 30 men appear to be quite active Rifle & MG fire could be heard coming from that vicinity 0820A-0825A INTERCEPT	81 Rcn	Div
x	2 0910	Correction on our last msg the 20 to 30 men were at J-6 in wadi and were building fires in groups. 1B & rifle was heard in vicinity Anserine farm 0820 - 0849A INTE	81 Rcn	Div
x	3 0615	Rcn of area will continue sending 1 party north of ME & 1 party up MDUSETRAP Result of rcn to be reported S-2, coB, by 1800A. Rcn parties will be officers who not seen these areas.	CG CCB	2/13 3/13 776TD
x	4 1116	INTERCEPT At Anserine farm 1 veh stopped by house at 0912A NMS no enemy activity observed.	81Rcn	Div
x	5 1820	At J-7247 estimated 100 vehs type unidentified moving in observed 1735-1815A. INTERCEPT	Div	CG CCB
x	6 1547	At J-55556 tanks stationary at 1520A at 5560 tanks stationary at 1520A	81 Rcn	CG CCB
x	7 1618	At J-5067 ten tanks stationary and in line observed from Corps 1505A	80A	Div CG CCB
x	8 1645	At hill 212 - 565512 enemy laying smoke on NW slope coming from tanks at Anserine 1630A	Div	CG CCB
x	9 2100	Dusk report as follows: 3 demtd men approached from the East at 1945A. Enemy arty fire in area around; J-535502 was much less than yesterday mortar fire was in vicinity of coor: 5552 no other enemy activity 2050A	81	Div

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MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
TO	Div	CCB
4 or 5 men are waving white flag men are out of their dugouts 0815-0820A	81 Ren	Div
of your fwd elements immediately 0826A	Div	81st
25J563R55 & 25J555 003 Moving out fast.	81 Ren	Div
at Inf Div Foot hills IN ANZ		
ats ran into mines at Anserine fme 0905A	81st Ren	Div
5797 J-6694 J-5194 J-4896 J-4883 J-4881 to A. 50 Inf moving West at J-5373 & lorries	Div	CG
5 M/T at J-5595. possible landing ground		CCB
rea J-575768 6 M/T at farm J-563713 0905A		
fwd elements north of wadi and position at	Div	81st
crossed. 0931 INTERCEPT.		
possibility of route 25J564 U35 - U03- 0920 - 0930A INTERCEPT	Div	81st
ring from 563610 landing at 576570. Riley st. 0930A INTERCEPT	81 Ren	Div
at 558-585 impassible	81 Ren	Div
patrols and if being engaged by enemy 0947A	Div	6th Ren
friends to north moving east from 25J564 N59	Div	81ren
8. No contact as yet 0930A INTERCEPT		
personnel mines.	81ren	Div
ing is badly cratered It will require engr crossing is fine. INTERCEPT	SPARE 1	81st
25J562 Y92 at 1003A INTERCEPT	81st Ren	Div
port 2/755 regt mvg 15 kms E to posn at approx	Div	A. Unit
ations of other enemy elements mvg east to high		
ng roughly N & S thru J-6762 from ENEMY Corps		
at 25J657 J22 1019A	81 Ren	S-2
your msg 0930 pass at 25J56660 100 impassible	81ren	Div
25J552K16 to 25J552 F53 1005A		
at 25J657I22 1019A	81st	Div
elements at 25J562Y92 1003A 1012A	81st	Div
mile N of crossing J-554598 is a German sign and there is a wire stretching across road. now. 1020A 1031A	81st	Div

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S - 2 JOURNAL

PLACE : NEAR FONDOUK.

DATE : 3 May 1943.

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	23	1110		Ref our msg 0950. Correct reading is 25J668 R11 1101A	81	Ren Div
x	24	1111		Info fwd elements at 27J 781 E78 1100A-1106A	81	Ren Div
x	25	1113		Ren in objective. Bridge on east side blown Ren being made to find crossing.	81	Ren Div
x	26	1114		Ren has reached MATEUR on west road.	Div	S-2
x	27	1117		Fwd elements at 27J781 E78 at 1100A	81	Ren C/S
x	28	1126		Get the entire strength of your unit to objective at once to cut off enemy withdrawal from west.	Div	81 Ren
x	29	1130		Arab rept MATEUR clear but bridge on east side blown 1116A	81	Ren Div
x	30	1145		Crossing 100 yds north of bridge J-591765 passable would need Engr repair for heavy load. 1143A INTERCEPT	81	Ren Div
x	31	1150		At J-6873 is a dust cloud traffic appears to be coming NE 1145A	81	Ren Div
x	32	1152		Info at J-597596 road cratered 1045A 1150A	81	Ren Div
x	33	1159		Co C ¹ 16 Engr will proceed with all possible speed to MATEUR to assist in constructing crossing at that point. Engr will have priority of all roads to MATEUR.	S-2	All Units
x	34	1217		At 593598 minefield friendly elements moving east at 25J-663 H46 and C36 1200A	Div	S-2
x	35	1233		Info contacted enemy more info to follow shortly captured 8 PW 1230 As Broadway to 3 miles N of Anserine Fme passable 1220 - 1227 A Where can we dispose of Prisoners of War	81	Ren DIV
x	36	1235		Correction of CP now at 25J681 146	81	Ren Div
x	37	1300		Friendly forces at 565560	Ren	S-2
x	38	1315		3/13 on old route. he wants some one in front of him	Ren	1 pl S-2
x	39	1315		Enemy shelling hill 220 and CR south of there.	S-2	CG CCB
x	40	1325		Arty reported coming from SE direction from my present position which I gave before. 4th Plt at 569598.	CG	Ren S-2
x	41	1330		Two deserters report two bns of the 755 Rgt moving 15 kms east to position at approx J-6762. There are indications of other enemy elements moving to high ground extending roughly N & S through J-6767 0930-1325A INTERCEPT	81	Ren Div
x	42	1340		Rush moving to 6470 leaving 1400A	S-2	CG ren
x	43	1400		Give location of your beans.	S-2	CG ren
x	44	1340		Friendly Fr. civilians report Germans left MATEUR in last two days and moved toward FERRIVILLE. PW don't know where their units have moved. One PW was from a ren co. 1330A	81	Ren Div
x	45	1355		Our arty at 596598 arty shelling at 577597 pass 597596 blown	UNKNOWN	

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PLACE : Near FONDOUK

DATE : 3 May 1963

IN. OUT. NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	46 1401	Have info re; one of your pltns from Lais Off which should have been passed two hrs ago. Get on Ball. 1400A	Div	81 Ren
x	47 1410	Fr. report enemy left MATEUR last two nights. retired toward FERRYVILLE.	S-2	CG CCB
x	48 1415	Info MGA was reached 645638 where fire was drawn from enemy net and tanks. He has pulled back a little.	S-2	All Station
x	49 1416	We have two german prisoners. We have MP's.	Ren	S-2
x	50 1415	Info Gridge blown at 613600 at 645638 patrol drew fire from enemy located in vicinity of J-6562 - 1410A	Div	All Units
x	51 1417	Info at J-588526 enemy minefield covered by MG fire from hill on night. Ren as been ordered to knock out MG time seen 1410 hrs.	Div	All Units
x	52 1428	Info. Friendly troops moving on rd at 25J58310E at 1400 hrs.	Div	All Units
x	53 1437	Rt. 1st plnt. 570595, 2nd 580600, 3rd 596598, 4th 595598.	Ren	S-2
x	54 1310	569598 area at 565595 has just been shelled, can I take another route.	Ren	S-2
x	55 1432	Trying to locate crossing on Tine River of MATEUR 1424A 1 p/w from 900 Engr and were attached to HG Rgt yesterday. 1 p/w from San Marco, 4 San Erg ABT 12. Captured near Mateur request transportation.	81 ren	Div
x	56 1500	To pick up 12 more p/w just brought in 1419A Fwd elements at 25J691 E 68 and 27J-691 B96 and 27J788 R10 1422A	81st	Div
x	57 1509	Friendly troops contacted at 25J698 H73. Friendly troops report no enemy contact in last two days. 1500-1509A	81st	Div
x	58 1510	Info: MG fire drawn from NE of J-592810 at 1420A column of dsmted men moving NE at J-655802 1410A French Naval Officer reports road from Mateur to Ferryville was not mined this morning. No troops seen on rd by Germans in Ferryville. 1450A (Above sent to CG CCB)	81st	Div
x	59 1515	At RJ 676 five tanks seen 30 vehs some believed towing guns on rd between J-8371 & J-6978. Direction of mvt not known observed by air 1334A 1510A.	Div	CCB
x	60 1516	Fwd elements met MG fire resistance vic J-592810 & arty fire now falling vic J-602782 1500A bridge at J-5094 blown 15E5	81	Div
x	61 1520	Arty firing vic cross rd riley Blvd from highest peak south 776 of Anserine Farm. 1510A	S-2	
x	62 1541	1 P/W from 3 co 334 mobile unit used as inf here. 1 pw from 7 co 962 regt. 1pw from tropical Med Field replacement Co Africa	81	Div
x	63 1545	Investigate and report conditions of air field vic J-6279 w/re to mines plowed around & if it can be used.	Div	81st

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PLACE: Near FOEDOUK

DATE: 3 May 1943.

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	64	1541		Fwd elements at 25J698 H73 & J11 and 25J772 T86. Some mines found at last pt. 1500A & 1526A one pw from 3 co of a 30 They said Company withdrew to NE of Mateur. He was on patrol at time of capture. One pw from 3 co. Did not know anything on pw state 7 co of 962 is on hill J-5789.	81	Div
x	65	1552		3 plt and 4 plt proceeded to Oud and were driven back by fire which followed direct to there former position.	Ren	S-2
x	66	1605		Report on RR bridge at J-610768 and J-612770 1600A verify 2nd template reaching msg signed 1526A	Div	Ren
x	67	1610		Ref pw from 900 Engrs. that is 90 light div from which the 900 engrs is a part or attached now 1552A	81	ren Div
x	68	1610		TD firing NE at 617615 can definitely see 5 vehs in vic Chouigi pass cannot locate 88mm Btry as Sgt Yeiter is here.	Ren	S-2
x	69	1615		15 pw from San Marco Marines. 11 of above are from 213 co one from 217 Co. 3 from 218 Co request transportation.	81	Div
x	70	1620		Lvt of men & one veh at 672624 one veh at 667598 and one at 665615 both resemble our light tanks but were are not sure the unidentified vehs at 672617 two unidentified vehs 663625.	Ren	S-2
x	71	1636		3 plt same as last, 4th same as last 2 plt at 6062, 1st Plt at 585R50.	Ren	S-2
x	72	1640		Hy enemy arty fire coming from hills at E of Tine. Have try to locate position	Ren	S-2 ren
x	73	1700		We can see several men walking in Chouigi Pass Bridge across Tine blown 613600.	Ren	S-2
x	74	1700		Cannot pass N or S trying to locate 88mm btry covering line am moving to 584670.	Ren	S-2
x	75	1715		Re: 3 plt & 4 plt from present position can observe 2 pts 660650 and 683619 - 660585 Should I remain in observation at present location or continue on original assigned mission.	Ren	S-2
x	76	1738		Bridge at 613600 badly blown 2ft water in wadi trying to find crossing.	Ren	S-2
x	77	1743		2 plt at 607673.	Ren	S-2
x	78	1745		One plt forced to w/draw from 27J552 K94 to 27J552 P68 due to enemy fire and mine fields 1700A	81	Div
x	79	1809		Arty fire in 6087 - 6167	Ren	S-2
x	80	1820		Bridge at J 610768 & J 612770 blown beyond repair	81	Div
x	81	1821		2 plt & 4 plt have been driven back by hy fire	Ren	S-2
x	82	1835		CP located at 25J683 U25 1810A Re: our msg of 1802A German Lieut is from 205 Co special RR troops of Afrika Korps. Had mission of going to Ferryville to check on coal shortage at Tunis. If Mateur had been clear he was to have run a train into Mateur to-day or to-morrow only 30 to 40 men of his company left in Africa.	81	Div

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PLACE: Near FONDOUK

DATE: 3 May 1943.

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	83	1903		Our arty is at 595720.	Rcn	S-2
x	84	1908		We have spotted what we believed to be an enemy OP next to an Arab tomb approx on 631573.	Rcn	S-2
x	85	1910		2 plt contacted a string of pearls (silver) at 643603 there. Mines at that point including Anti-personnel swallow from one daddy rabbit out fit have broken several legs.	Rcn	S-2
x	86	1920		The pass of 597596 not only is boon but is heavily mined in the Jamil area just south of the pass.	Rcn	S-2
x	87	1930		I have contacted natives and there are no enemy west of wadi. Enemy are not strong but have quite a bit of arty.	Rcn	S-2
x	88	1940		1 plt crossed wadi at 25J 683F13 under enemy arty fire. Crossing is rough and in bad shape. 1940A	Rcn	S-2
x	89	2000		1st Plt 595720 2nd Plt 606677	Rcn	S-2
x	90	2006		Message for tonight 1 & 2 plt (sales & love) contact Brant vic of ORAOS. 3 plt and 4 plt contact the peaches giving them their location and stay in vic of present location. OP will be manned/	Rcn	S-2
x	91	2010		CP ren company 576600 1st Plt - 595720, 2 plt - 606677 to coor; w/ 2/13 contact made. 3 plt, 4 plt 596596.	S-2	S-3
x	92	2035		Bridge badly blown (Oued Tine) crossing South of Bridge can be made w/little work. Mine field 100yds bridge. Rd craters can be passed.	S-2	Rcn
x	93	2130		Mine field of double tealer mines at 6566 reported by 81 ren	Rcn	S-2
x	94	2112		Correction Msg 2058. coor: blown bridge 613600 100 yds west of 613600.	S-2	Div
x	95	2125		Following enemy reported: Tanks in Chouigi Pass. Minefield 6566. Inf around farm 6470-6670. Arty vic 6607-6972. Inf 6575 & 6578. MG 595815 South slope DJ Achkeul impassable.	S-2	All Units
x	96	2135		Location Rcn Co 13th AR: CP at 25J 663 193. 1 & 2 plt at 25J 673 W61. 3 & 4 Plt at 25J 663 J71.	S-2	Div
x	97	2155		Make ren Pond Deloumina Mateur to SW as far as J5068. Report location of the crossing and what loads can cross have report to CG by 0700 A 4 May Ack.	Div	CCB
x	98	2135		Location ren co 13 AR - CP at 25J663 193. 1 and 2 plt at 25J673 W61. 3 and 4 Plt at 25J663 J71.	S-2	Div
x	99	2350		91st Rcn Bn relieved from attachment to 9th Div attached to 1st AD effective at once some elements now in Mateur.	Div	Div Fwd

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PLACE: Near MATEUR.

DATE: 4 May 1943.

IN	CUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0850	Push rcn at daylight along axis MATEUR-FERRYVILLE rd. Axis rd Mateur J-6580 & Axis Mateur Y-6676 mission to give estimate of enemy on high ground along general NS 65 line report crossing over Cued N of MATEUR east of Mateur.	Div	S-2
x	2	0428	Steel tread way bridge at J-785605 now open INTERCEPT	16 Engr Div	
x	3	0520	20 m/e mvg in at 5495, 40 MF & Inf at farm at 5595, bridge bridge blown at 5495 - 1800A	Div	S-2
x	4	0635	1 plt reports a large cal. gun approx 105 firing from vic 6871 to wadis 6368.	Rcn	S-2
* x	5	0610	Make Rcn of Ced Deloumine Mateur to SW asser as J-5068. Report location type of crossing & what loads can cross. Have report to CG by 0900A	S-2	3/13
x	6	0635 0710	81st rcn xxxx reports unidentified vehs mvg towards Mateur from east. 81 rcn is only east 620755 direct fire prevents mvg.	Rcn	S-2
x	7	0713	3rd S reports bridge definitely blown and will try to find a way to pass along wadis	Rcn	S-2
x	8	0715	Several trks & 2 guns reptd by "E" 776TD at 7272.	776 TD	S-2
x	9	0715	Unidentified Vehs mvg toward Mateur 0710	S-2	All Un
x	10	0718	4 plt rept enemy arty fire landing in vic of 575760	Rcn	S-2
x	11	0727	4 plt rpts bridge at 592766 is now ready for our load	Rcn	S-2
x	12	0741	3 plt repts they just got around the road by blown bridge and are now in direct 88mm fire from around those hills as yet didn't pick up flashes we will try to flank them.	Rcn	S-2
x	13	0743	At J-653768 enemy gun postions 0731A.	81Rcn	Div
x	14	0755	At J-664762, one stationary German Armd Car 0730A	81 Rcn	Div
x	15	0807	At J-590770 8 enemy planes bombed area at 0800A 0802A	81 Rcn	Div
x	16	0810	Rcn co repts 8 enemy planes dive bombed Mateur east. I can observe no damage. Those 8 enemy planes from area around 598768 apparently aiming at the bridge.	Rcn	S-2
x	17	0813	Fwd elements at J-683 C26 & J682K81 & J-686L83 & J689H66	81 Rcn	Div
x	18	0825	Report to CP	S-2	Rcn
x	19	0836	Request locations your fed elements expidite. 0888A	81 rcn	S-2
x	20	0836 0905	Re: your msg 0828 - CP at 25J670L72, 1st-675T12, 2nd-677Y16 3rd-686071, 4th - 683WA3	S-2	81 Rcn
x	21	0945	French source believed reliable report following: Few small tanks at J-8459. Bridge at Djedeida mine, small AT guns at J-6978, small tanks in wadi at J-6575. Large AT guns at J-6483 Inf at J-635840. Several hundred unarmed men at Dj Ichkeul also 200 Inf arrived there last night.	S-2	All Un its & Div.
x	22	0942	We are drawing fire from valley East of Mateur. request info if any troops in that area 0940A		2/13 CG

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PLACE: Near MATEUR

DATE: 4 May 1943.

IN CUR NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN TO
x 25	1000	Re; your msg 0940A request more specific location of firing.	S-2 2/13
x	24 1002	At J-6670 there are 25 to 30 men also East enemy A/car in same location at 0910A at J-694762 2 German xxx cars and men. Car went toward Tunis 0925A.	81 ren CG
x	25 1030	3 plt RJ 560748 All clear.	Ren S-2
x	26 1124	1 plt RJ 575622 hostile arty laying barrage on the top of Deohicha 585630 I'm moving east to get observation.	Ren S-2
x	27 1030	Minefield 645865 - 655858, several hundred unarmed men DJ Achkel in - about 200 men w/arms, 8 mg. Swamp South of Dj Achkel impassable to vehs. Cued Djoumaine North of Mateur has high water, high banks and crossing difficult. Good crossing of Cued Djoumaine at 555730 and 555720. Swamp ground shown on maps from 638340 - 635788 is dry & passable. Source of info french.	S-2 Div
x	28 1200	4 divebombers attacked bridge South of Mateur 0915A. No damage 8 dive bombers attacked bridge at 1140A also strafed no reported damage. Proceed to Div.	S-2 Div
x	29 1125	At J-658763 enemy veh w/trailer came over hill & unloaded there than went back east. Desmd men in huts at same location 1010A	81 ren Div
x	30 1127	Airfield at 25J788 c38 in good shape 1050A	81ren Div
x	31 1132	Vic of J-641934 enemy guns still firing believed to be two btry's large howitzers our CP can direct fire 1025A 1049A	81ren Div
x	32 1040	At J-652763 one enemy m/c went east towards Tunis. IG nest at J-652765. Inf foxholes at J-653763 also large group germans seen around building at J-658767, appears to be arty position.	81 ren Div
x	33 1145	3 plt reports Rt at 485678 all clear.	Ren S-2
x	34 1200	FW from San Marco Marine Bn taken in Mateur area states Bn strenght 500 of original 1200. Morale low-Hates Ities & Germs.	S-2 Div
x	35 1100	3 plt rt 546709 all clear.	Ren S-2
x	36 1115	Several large vehs seen towing what is believed to be guns moving east to west at 69 67 to 6767 believe moving into position at 6767 may also include some SP guns.	2/13 S-2
x	37 1145	8 ME 109s divebombed one mile North of this cp last seen headed north east 1137A	3/13 S-2
x	38 1150	At vic J-5877 8 enemy planes bombed & 8 others strafed vic of town 1130A All planes were fighters 1145A	81 ren S-2
x	39 1158	At 646802, 3 unidentifed vehs 1 of which comes to top of hill and then pulls back behind crest. 1151A	81 ren S-2
x	40 1201	Enemy minefield at 485678 we did not check it. It is marked.	Ren S-2
x	41 1210	Hostile arty still landing at J-585630 all points of observation covered by arty. Am looking for an OP.	Ren S-2
x	42 1220	Present position 440670 of 3 plt all clear. we have reached objective	Ren S-2
x	43 1245	Known gun positions at 655625 & 650610 & 650631 & 661610.	Ren S-2

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PLACE: Near MATEUR

DATE: 4 May 1943.

IN	OUT NO,	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	44	1315	Four arty firing on J-646802 are 1000 yds over. Enemy guns are believed to be tkns & are still firing 1235A. At J-661778 enemy gun just over crest of hill at J-639769 2 guns firing one is behind a house, the other by the windmill 1212A. At J-640860 can be seen flashes from 2 guns. 1300A	81	Div Ren
x	45	1255	3 plt has completed mission are now at 440670.	Ren	S-2
x	46	1300	4 plt has completed mission now at 463725. Did not see or hear anything out of the ordinary. Seen some 13 roses & 91st who confirm this info, the road for the 1st 10 mile is very good but the last 4 mile is very bad.	Ren	S-2
x	47	1345	Friendly Inf at 5966 a few enemy tks at 650631 & 655620 & 623671 also enemy arty at 675660.	Ren	S-2
x	48	1420	3 plt 440670	Ren	S-2
x	49	1431	Cur fwd column was just bombed by 10 ME 109s	2/13	S-2
x	50	1445	81st Ren right column bombed by 10 ME 109s at 1431A	S-2	Div
x	51	1450	Right flank strafed by 2 ME 109s	2/13	S-2
x	52	1506	Fwd elements at J-684A89 & 689H54 & 682P27 being held up by enemy arty fire 1500A	81st	S-2
x	53	1515	2 plt OP reports 1 A/car or tank at 680695 & 15 men around it.	Ren	S-2
x	54	1520	1K 6 tkns in hills to the east shelling at a great distance not very many tanks OP at 591492.	Ren	S-2
x	55	1755	2 plt reports a truck at 652678 going south	Ren	S-2
x	56	1803	683683 also reports seeing 3 vehs moving south at 687680 also picked btry of enemy guns firing from 692663.	Ren	S-2
x	57	1805	Enemy evacuation to east 6087 by RR that is not shown on map 1755A	81	S-2
x	58	1915	4 vehs came down road from 695670 moved west. Cur arty opened up on them, they turned south & west behind a little hill at 692667 OP reports muzzle blasts 666669.	Ren	S-2
x	59	1925	OP reports 1 veh at 675670 this veh was shelled by our arty.	Ren	S-2

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PLACE:-- HATEUR AREA

DATE:-- 5th MAY 1943

IN	OUT	NOI	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0533		Patrols observed 2 way traffic at J-660760 east voices heard at J-653760 at J-633768 some activity was going on, no activity observed at first light.	81st	S-2
x	2	0545		4 bombs dropped 5 minutes ago at 6567, 1st plat repts no enemy arty landed in his sector - only arty was friendly landing in enemy sector also no bombs were dropped in his sector.	Ren	S-2
x	3	0555		No arty in 2nd plts sector. There was 4 separate bombings at the following coord. 5868 and 6369 & 656467 and to the SE of our position.	Ren	S-2
x	4	0600		We were attacked by 5 ME 199's at which 2 planes dropped bombs. No damage was done.	13th 2nd Bn	S-2
x	5	0635		Info. during night a plane with a spotlight on it flew over Hateur area. The light was flashed around on ground as he flew 0614 hrs.	81st	Div
x	6	0650		Info. a friendly plane was heard on 14 track small area fire from vicinity J-6678 to J-6581 fire heaviest from N. end of ridge 0600 hrs. INTERCEPT	81st	Div
x	7	0652		9 ME 109's just bombed 6468 in that area.	Ren	S-2
x	8	0707		2 vehicles moving east on road at 6867 moved in at house at 691671.	Ren	S-2
x	9	0725		Enemy arty falling in general area 6264. OP unable to pick up guns.	Ren	S-2
x	10	0740		1st plat. OP now at 606625.	Ren	S-2
x	11	0841		Enemy Ren plane flew over area at 0730 hrs.	Ren	S-2
x	12	0700		Request enemy situation in other sectors	81st	Div
x	13	0750		050740 have contacted enemy prisoners captured total 12.	BR. Ren	Div
x	14	0800		At J-648804 - 2 disintd men believed observes in a dug in position at J-655805, 4 more disintd men - fwd elements also receiving arty fire. From J-620805 to J-630807 to 634791 impassable.	81st	Div
x	15	0810		Ref. msg signed 1704 - answer is no - 0734 hrs.	Div	WUA
x	16	0828		Just east of J-645830 one veh. seen and much dust in the vic. at J-640845, 1 veh. mvg. around and 8 disintd men 0735 hrs.	81st	Div
x	17	0839		At J-657872 two high velocity AT guns 1 armd veh. came down rd. to J-652872 fired 3 shots turned around and went back up hill 0810 hrs.	81st	Div
x	18	0842		Telephone line runs into wadi at J-648032 and then to hill 273 Coord. J-652848 at J-640830 several men walking in wheatfield.	81st	Div
x	19	0905		13 ME 109's bombed 595755 - 0855 hrs.	Alamo	S-2
x	20	0915		How is your terrain study progressing Terrain here slightly unhealthy 0913 hrs.	Alamo	S-2

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PLACE:--MATEUR AREA 6

DATE:--5TH MAY 1943

IN OUR NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	Origin	To
21	0930	15 ME 109's came over our area swung low around to the left.	2nd Bn	S-2
22	0935	We are proceeding on mission. Column was strafed by 8 or 9 enemy planes no damage done.	Alamo	S-2
23	0935	Present position 615845 all clear.	Rcn	S-2
24	0935	Rcn reports the feature 5887 has friendly people there. We are to cease fire. We can see traffic moving E & NE toward Tindjar & Ferryville. Explosions seen in Tindjar.	Rcn	S-2
25	0745	Enemy still on hill mass North of Mateur. Still trying to evacuate be prepared to intercept movement, along lake until Yeiter takes over.	Alamo	81st
26	0920	Immediate report on enemy air attacks necessary to make attempt at interception.	Div	All Units
27	0930	Terrain study slow because big unable to supply personnel at present am doing all possible. Information area 620805 to 630807 to 631791 reptd impossible.	S-2	Alamo
28	0945	Dj. Ichkeul reptd clear of enemy am putting OP there, 2 guns reptd top of hill at 660865.	S-2	1st AD
29	0955	Where are your 1st - 2nd and 4th platoons.	S-2	Rcn
30	1025	Bridge at 634857 is blown bridge at 640864 is also blown they have a minefield this side of br. also gun at 684886 on high ground also can see dust coming up around Ferryville & Tindjar. There is some MG firing can be heard on feature that was reptd clear sometime ago.	Rcn	S-2
31	1030	Enemy vehicles mvg. west from vicinity 755760.	CG CCB	RIB S-2
32	1030	Fwd elements at J-686K54 and 682P17 to J-682K23 - 0905 hrs.	81st	CGA
33	1035	3 unidentified vehs. came over hill from E and went into grove at 650869. Grove not shown on map.	81st	S-2
34	1035	Send Overlay of enemy situation as you know it - 1025 hrs.	1st AD	S-2
35	1035	Fwd most position of TFW is 600840	2nd Bn	S-2
36	1040	One unidentified veh. came into the farm at 652868.	Rcn	S-2
37	1055	20 vehs. moved SW to 640865 dispersed there leading vehicles looks like tank.	S-2	Div
38	1055	A veh drawing a gun at 645865. 17 men, 25 vehs. SW along the road 640865 vehicles stopped & dispersing at that point.	Rcn	S-2
39	1103	1 veh moved N & took your leading Veh. under fire from vic. 695745. No further movement observed from other vehicles.	CG CCB	S-2
40	1111	Keep vehicles under observation identify if possible. 1110A	CG CCB	Rcn
41	1116	15 ME 109's headed SW now heading toward Mateur.	Rcn	S-2
42	1120	1 vehicle visible now at 652872 has been.	Rcn	S-2

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PLACE:--MATEUR AREA

DATE:--5TH MAY 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	43	1120		We are still receiving small arms fire from DJ. ICHEKEBU vicinity 580870 - 20 German prisoners taken SQ CP No change	91st	Div
x	44	1123		Vehicles now dispersed behind ridge at 652872 on both sides of road. One gun observed in same area, considerable dismtd activity there.	S-2	Div
x	45	1020		I am at 550723 & cannot contact Richmond. Please instruct.	Rcn	BVI
x	46	1115		Enemy vehicles dispersed behind ridge at 652872 stretched out on both sides of road at the bend they have also put a gun there, dismtd activity there now.	Rcn	S-2
x	47	1025		INTERCEPT - Enemy large Cal. gun at coord. 641934 request bombing mission we can mark a ladder in the lake pointing to them but cannot reach them.	Div Arty	Div
x	48	1105		Heavy gun firing from 680730 at 1055 hrs.	81st	S-2
x	49	1130		These enemy are firing on our tanks in a position on line with CE & Hill position. Btry was on Coord. 657510 are you sure they are not CC "B" tanks. Rockoff is firing on them they seem sure. INTERCEPT	Div Arty	1st AD
x	50	1207		Btry of guns at approx 640947 estimated between 5 & 6 guns. Can see guns and sm in position to adjust fire. (3rd Plat.)	Rcn	S-2
x	51	1215		One gun at 652872 firing overhead bursts.	Rcn	S-2
x	52	1125		Vehs now dispersed behind ridge at 652872 on both sides of wadi, one gun observed in same locality there.	S-2	Div
x	53	1225		At J=665865 are 2 vehs. that could be tanks firing as they come up to hill crest, fire and then roll back.	81st	Div
x	54	1128		Enemy planes strafed and bombed vicinity J-605785 at 1115A	81st	Div
x	55	1129		Hy guns firing from 680730 at 1055 hrs.	81st	Div
x	56	1212		Nothing to report at 1200 hrs.	91st	1st Inf Div
x	57	1225		There are 3 or 4 guns at 652872. A smoke shell just landed fairly close to them. The guns at 640947 are also being fired on.	Rcn	S-2
x	58	1250		Enemy shelling Mateur 1246 hrs.	CG CCB	S-2
x	59	1255		3rd Plat Bombed at 1250 hrs.	Rcn	Div S-2
x	60	1310		12 prisoners captured by NUA were from Harry Bn 334 Div consisting of 2 co's 75mm AT guns 9 guns per Co. and 2 Bicycles several 75's have been knocked out they say only about 8 LF & 80 - 100 men left on Mt. supplies & food being brought them by boat from across lake has not been across for 2 days. These men came on mountains 2 days ago from west. No bicycles left in Co's - 1250 hrs.	CCA	Div
x	61	1310		1 - JU88 shot down by 3 plt. all plane personnel killed (4) 1 Rcn man injured. Rt 3rd plat. 593807.	Rcn	S-2

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PLACE:--MATEUR AREA

DATE:--5TH MAY 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
	62	1320		Nothing to report at 1300 hrs.	91st	Div
x	63	1330		At J-693787 enemy gun shelling town, gun position is exact. 1326 hrs.	81st	S-2
x	64	1338		Correction in msg. 1250 hrs. word after captured by is WUA instead of MUA. INTERCEPT	CCA	Div
x	65	1340		Bombs fell on about 575765. That is the Crossroads. INTERCEPT	CCA	Div
x	66	1405		Info - 2 PW taken they are from 30th Marsch Bn 1st Co. They have MG but no large guns. They have been in present position 3 days and are well dug in no losses in Co. from Arty fire until today. 170 men & 30 Officers left in Co. They were ordered to hold their present positions & not withdraw. 1 PW was on Russian front. This time last year & while they belonged to the 36 Inf. motorized 87 Regt. 2nd Bn 5. Co. They were told tanks would support them. Place of Capture will follow. 1353 hrs.	81st	Div
x	67	1438		Negative report, no change 1400 hrs.	91st	Div
x	68	1419		At J-658778 is an enemy OP from J-652780 to J-652770 enemy MG nest. At J-655774 A/T gun firing. Wadi near farm at J-655774 contain several dismdt men also they are burning hay stacks at farm and going into olive grove near top of hill - 1330 hrs.	81st	Div
x	69	1420		Enemy gun 653787 many dismdt men by farm 655774 - 1410 hrs.	WUA	Div
x	70	1428		At J-686928 btry of at least 3 large Caliber guns on hill.	81st	Div
x	71	1455		At J-637834 is a gun 100 yds north of olive grove and is between R. & huts - 1438 hrs.	81st	Div
x	72	1501		Negative report - No change 1500 hrs.	WUA	Div
x	73	1515		At J-637834, 1 unidentified vehicle pulled into olive grove N. of hospital and fired and when our party fires it pulls back of hill 1445 hrs.	81st	Div
x	74	1530		No enemy activity seen in my sector.	Rcn	S-2
x	75	0730		Tac/R area Ferryville to A 0615ALT 5000. M/S P-6602 to J-5896 J-6793, J-6487. Defensive diggins seen at J-5996 also 6787. Long narrow trench from J-8877 to 6881. Similar though smaller trench J-7081 to 7179.	Grey Ghost	Vampir S-2
x	76	0740		Tac/R 0600 to 0645 hrs. Pont Du Fahn to Dj Zaghouan. No enemy A/C or Flak. No enemy rd. traffic on any roads in this area Cavuin bailla area. Tac/R 0600 to 0655 hrs. One route J-4822, J-7510, J-2517, J-9513, J-9007, P-9007, P-1293, O-0995, other route J-7307, K-0740 with black cross in center at J-9318. Nothing at K-0733. 6 trucks going south on road. at K-0331 Nothing at J-9919/	Moon	S-2
x	77	0907		Recon north of Bizerte down at 0735 hrs. Route D-2520, E-3020, E-0030, D-6010, D-4515. No enemy A/C no Flak. radio towers at D-6212, D-7011, large truck at D-6010. 2 large ships at D-7605, 3 at D-7505, D-7405, D-7304	Moon	S-2
x	78	1230		Tac/R J-672617 area, 6 MI at 7458 also 1 gun firing in area.	CG	Emp.

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S-2 JOURNAL

PLACE: Near MATEUR.

DATE: 6 May 1943.

IN CUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x 1	0540	Rcn Co 13AR Mission to contact 2/13. Reconnoiter east in following zone. S boundary RR, N boundary 7067. Limit of Rcn 80 grid.	S-2	Div
x 2	0600	One German gave himself up 3 plt.	Rcn	S-2
x 3	0600	Enemy arty fire appears to be coming from J-6378 or just E from there 0545A.	81 rcn	Div
x 4	0610	This unit is now forward of line 63.	9/13	S-2
x 5	0628 0628	3 enemy Btrys at 660725, 653755, 660770, 2 AT guns at 659778, and 2 at 648780	2/13	S-2 27FA
x 6	0628	Coords for Arty fire faam at 655725, 1 btry near Badbak J6677 next CX RR 653755.	Col Howae	S-2
x 7	0643	Enemy tnks approaching up reverse slope 655835 0630A	CCA	Div
x 8	0720	One PW taken vic J6076 he is from PZ Gren T-4 5th Co. Co has rifle and 12. have been in vic 5 days were ordered to stand off our tanks. 0718A INTERCEPT	81 Rcn	Div
x 9	0730	Large calibre gun firing from 678709 can not be seen from our firing position. request arty fire.	776TD	S-2
x 10	0731	At J-647780 a gun believed to be a 47mm at T-664766 dsmted men in foxholes. 0718A INTERCEPT	81 Rcn	Div
x 11	0740	one AT gun reported at 678709	Rcn	S-2
x 12	0740	Our position J-626771	776TD	S-2
x 13	0800	P/W collecting pt at Y686 I08 0752A	Div	S-2
x 14	0750	2 plt rt 627772. OP can see 662763 & a radius from 30 around to 270 and can see everything in ridge line	Rcn	S-2
x 15	1810	Fwd elmts at J-689 I 91 and J-682 K53	81 Rcn	Div
x 16	0845	At J-655870 AT guns in Olive grove and is firing effectively	0830A	81 Div
x 17	0835	4 tnks at 6771 believed to be enemy. 2 men seen 6679.	Rcn	S-2
x 18	0835	1 or 2 vehs at 689688 moving west down ridge line, do not know if they are enemy or not.	Rcn	S-2
x 19	0837	Info 12 pws captured vic 659694 from 8th Co Barentin Rgt	0820A	Div A. Unt.
x 20	0835	Valley is heavily covered by AT guns on reverse slopes. The opened late 2/18th is 66% good. Allowed into objective before they opened some are in objective but not firing may be knocked out.	Howae	S-2
x 21	0840	Foot trps on sky line 669740 0840A	Howae	S-2
x 22	0842	Lots of Germs Inf on S side of RR tracks in rear of leading elmts Request inf support.	Howae	S-2
x 23	0900	2 plt repts 5 vehs & 7men can be observed at 6679	Rcn	S-2

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PLACE:-- MATEURDATE:-- 6TH MAY 1943

IN OUR NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	24 0900	110 PW incl. 3 officers on road back to PW collecting Pt. Did not hold them here for interrogation.	6th Inf	Div
x	25	Request 1 wrecker go to 590808 to pick up halftrack.	Rcn	S-2
x	26 0917	Enemy btry at 676808 - INTERCEPT	6th Inf	Div
x	27 0926	Btry large Caliber guns on hill 105 - 690887	6th Inf	Div
x	28	Contacted 3rd Bn & is having no trouble with Inf at present.	Rcn	S-2
x	29 0928	Report situation at once 0930 hrs.	Div	S-2
x	30 0944	Report location your elements & situation at once. 0941 hrs.	81st	Div
x	31 0944	Report location your elements & situation.	81st	S-2
x	32 0950	Sq. alerted awaiting orders snipers still on east end of Dj. Ichkual 0930 hrs.	91st	Div
x	33 1010	At 647830 there is quite a lot of Inf. going NW up hill cannot tell if friendly or enemy, shells landing among them.	Rcn	S-2
x	34 1020	Position fwd elements unchanged since last night report situation at front more or less at a stand still except for exchange of arty fire.	81st	Div
x	35 1025	3 large guns still firing from J-687927 and 690925 gun flashes can be seen and shells landing vicinity 620850.	CCA	Div
x	36 1050	Total PW so far 142.	6th Inf	CCA
x	37 1100	MFA (General) left a batam 1/4 ton at your place. Will you have him return home.	Col Rose	S-2
x	38 1105	Encountered 2 enemy MG nests NE of highest peak Dj. Echkuel.	91st	Div
x	39 1110	2 vehicles and troops, 1 veh. dropped a gun and troops are diggin in at 673822.	776th	S-2
x	40 1110	We are cleaning them out. Ans:- Have you got any snipers. 3 snipers killed. No report on any more.	91st	Div
x	41 1110	An anti tank gun is reptd parked to RR at 6876.	2/13	S-2
x	42 1123	Fwd elements moving toward J-788P08.	81st	Div
x	43 1125	The gun referred to in msg. 1101 is firing at our troops. Can you bring fire on it.	776th	S-2
x	44 1140	Unidentified vehicles at 659692.	776th	S-2
x	45 1130	Fwd elements moving toward J-788P08.	81st	Div
x	46 1145	NMS vicinity J-6677 only activity is some counter battery fire	81st	Div
x	47 1204	At J-636864 a concealed gun position which is giving trouble.	81st	Div
x	48 1220	At J-656773 something of the enemy was hit explosion heard and clouds of smoke can be seen also at 650815 quite a lot of MG fire can be heard.	Rcn	S-2

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PLACE: MATEUR

DATE: 6TH MAY 1943

IN OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	49 1250	At J-6680 btry of 150 mm french guns.	Div	S-2
x	50 1310	Ren reports situation unchanged.	Ren	S-2
x	51 1305	At J-657785 diamtd men can be observed.	81st	Div
x	52 1427	Any additional information. What is total PW.	CCA	6th Inf
x	53 1330	One of fwd elements at 642805 at 1315 hrs.	81st	Div
x	54 1430	Info T/4 Bn on N. flank boundary along 85 EW line - T/1 Bn south of T/4 south boundary 825 EW line A-30 Bn on south flank to OUED ECH CHAIRI.	Div	S-2
x	55 1340	4 tanks at 7179 seem to be M/4 are they attached to Inf Div.	81st	Div
x	56 1440	Bridge at J-632857 and 640865 blown but can be by passed.	CCA	Div
x	57 1448	MP post at 642815 destroyed. 5 PW taken.	6/Inf	Div
x	58 1525	Fwd elements at 682K44 still looking for suitable crossing.	81st	Div
x	59 1618	At J-639863 enemy Inf in building and also are dug in W. slope of Dj. Labour.	81st	Div
x	60 1655	At J-642731 is a gun either a 50mm or a 75mm.	81st	Div
x	61 1700	Fwd elements of one of our units at J-783G10.	81st	Div
x	62 1730	Our boys have reached 6577 the only fire they are getting is indirect arty fire. The smoking job is perfect.	Ren	S-2
x	63 1740	You are to follow along behind them attack and mop up all that is left. Also give any inf&mor. you might get.	S-2	Ren
x	64 1740	3/plt. reports that 1st Bn/13th has enemy Inf. on the run and is following them up.	Ren	S-2
x	65 1740	4 enemy tanks moving SW from 650860.	81st	Div
x	66 1740	There are 4 MK 4 tanks, 1 Co. of Inf advancing on hill 172. 665835. Also 2 MK 4 on hill 273 should like you to get a hold of Crosby and have him take care of it, especially the 2 tanks.	Ren	S-2
x	67 1750	My six just reptd that they ran away a MK4 tank at 655843.	3/13	S-2
x	68 1756	A large caliber enemy gun located at 7184. They are firing on our elements.	2/13	S-2
x	69 1820	PW so far 281 of which none are officers.	6/Inf	Div
x	70 1817	2 tanks supported Inf at hill 273 from NE. At 1740 hrs. one enemy tank knocked out.	6/Inf.	Div
x	71 1845	Situation OK, good results have counted 50 PW.	Ren	S-2
x	72 1830	Fwd elements have been moving east will give situation as soon as possible.	81st	Div
x	73 1857	There are 7 German tanks at 659790 on westward slope. It would be a good target for the TD as observed by our 6	81st	S-2

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PLACE: MATEUR AREA

DATE: 7TH MAY 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		1	0200	PW's taken 87. 1 A/T gun destroyed, 2-20mm guns destroyed, 2 MG destroyed & many rifles	81st	Div
x		2	0340	Fwd elements at J-788102 and R53 - 0315 hrs.	"	"
x		3	0620	Dawn report 3 PW taken at J-665795, 15 PW taken at J-6680 mopping up continuing & now north of J-6680, no enemy vehs. movement or arty observed 0600 hrs.	"	"
x		4	0642	Request location your advanced elements 0640 hrs.	"	"
x		5	0645	At 6680 took about 20 PW's at 0500 hrs.	"	"
x		6	0702	At J-6782 is believed to be an enemy tank firing 0655 hrs.	"	"
x		7	0705	Hill 273 (652837) clear of enemy 0630 hrs.	CGA	Div
x		8	0720	One tank at 684808 which has been firing at us.	Rcn	S-2
x		9	0727	The btry located at 213215 is in operation again	776th	S-2
x		10	0731	77mm fire rptd coming from 670710.	Div	Div Arty
x		11	0735	2nd Bn/13th is in position 600 to 800 yds east of 677802 they hold this ridge.	Rcn	S-2
x		12	0745	There is an 88mm gun believed in olive grove 755777.	2/13	S-2
x		13	0750	Two PW's that we picked up at J-6580 were from 1st Co. T/1 field Bn. Had been in present position 2 days. They believed balance of their organization either killed, wounded, or captured in yesterdays engagement, nor have they seen any of their tanks.	81st	Div
x		14	0800	The gun that was reported at 684808 is no longer there, that sector is well under control.	Rcn	S-2
x		15	0810	Rt. 1st Plat - 672803, 2nd 652776, 3rd 677803, Rt. CP 657780	Rcn	S-2
x		16	0825	One plnt enemy Inf on hill 251, J-660831, enemy arty btry vicinity Ferryville is again active today.	Div	CGA
x		17	0830	4 or 5 - 88mm guns giving us trouble at 692925 & 687928	91st	Div
x		18	0847	At RJ - J-693787, six enemy trucks moving north in a column	81st	Div
x		19	0855	Arty Reg. on hill 253 at 660827. Inf in cactus there but are moving out.	Rcn	S-2
x		20	0904	Fwd elements reports our arty fire effective on last targets rptd. Also say village there is very heavily mined. More guns are at 665867, hill 158 not shooting yet.	91st	Div
x		21	0905	Enemy Inf on hill 253 have been chased off by Arty fire are moving Northeast now.	S-2	Div
x		22	0908	Coord. on mined area just rptd are 640860 - 650860 - 650870 are anti tank mines. Our fwd elements are beyond that area.	91st	Div
x		23	0915	CP repts german ambulance at 663830 also 25 to 30 Inf mvg NW.	Rcn	S-2

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DATE: 7TH MAY 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x		24	0915	Mined area anti tank mines at J-6486, J6586, J6587,	81st	Div
x	x	25	0915	Total prisoners to date Off. 15, EM 722, of these 13th AR has taken 3 Off. & 160 EM	S-2	Div
x		26	0933	Fwd elements at J-783055	81st	Div
x		27	0940	Head Vic of Red Top Barn at 733770 enemy gun firing 0940 hrs.	81st	Div
x	x	28	0950	Vic of red top barn 733770 is an A/T gun	S-2	All Units
x		29	0950	At J-723795 almost solid column vehs. moving south at 0925 hrs	81st	Div
x		30	0950	Use Engrs to clear minefield reptd by 91st Ren	Div	CCA
x		31	0955	Enemy activity suggest defense line will be 7282 - 735800 - 740777 - 725750 - 690750	S-2	All Unit
x		32	1010	2 enemy guns towed by vehs. at 669837 and moved east.	CCA	Civ
x		33	1016	At 728297 3 or 10 disintd men. At 740782 one armd car, 1 truck and 1 Bantam moving & disappeared over hill at 0903 hrs.	81st	Div
x		34	0956	3 enemy tanks and 2 plats Inf. 668828	CCA	Div
x		35	1007	Map template ref. holes 123849765, map template tilt angle 0 effective 0001 hrs. 8th Aek.	1st AD	S-2
x		36	0956	3 enemy tanks at 668828. Interrogation of PW ahead indicates 2 medium A/T guns at 676822. 6 large guns probably arty to south flank of that position	CCA	Div
x		37	0955	Our Fwd CP at 254788155	CCA	Div
x		38	1101	There is a btry or Bn of German FA at 740872	776th	S-2
x		39	1102	Our Fwd CP at J788174	S-2	Div
x		40	1117	CP at J-781C84	81st	Div
x		41	1118	Taking many prisoners have captured 3 field pieces believed 87 mm. Tanks received heavy arty fire small arm fire.	91st	Div
x		42	1119	Enemy vehicles and large group of disintd men moving soth at 705765	91st	Div
x		43	1120	Fwd elements at J-782H65	81st	Div
x		44	1121	Our six repts concentration of men at 740870.	3/13	S-2
x		45	1215	I have in my possession 2 German 80mm mortars complete less the sights.	3/13	S-2
x		46	1215	My OP reports no activity and cannot pick up German from this position.	Ren	S-2
x		47	1215	16 - 88mm guns and 8 vehicles moved north this morning from 6981.	Div	All Units
x		48	1228	Troops moving at 7085 mmms and 7185 troops moving at 1050A	Ren	S-2
x		49	1255	Two Bren gun carriers, one tractor vehs. captured 684896	91st	Div

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DATE: 7TH MAY 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	50	1237	Mary vehs around farm house at 845750, many dismtd men at 700850 large troops and trucks concentration at 722845.	S-2	All Units
x	51	1238	My location now J-787819	CCA	Div
x	52	1245	Enemy tanks observed at 668887.	91st	Div
x	53	1310	Troop mvt to the east along road at 6984 & 723860. No visible anti tank	Ren	S-2
x	54	1335	Fwd elements have patrols for certain at J-637107	81st	Div
x	55	1342	Co. of Med. tanks to edge of Ferryville. Enemy is attacking there.	Harmon	CCA
x	56	1400	Our fwd elements at J-782133 between 500 & 1000 dismtd enemy in wheat field to there NE	81st	Div
x	57	1404	At J-770770 is a gun believed to be a 88mm.	81st	Div
x	58	1414	We have quite a few PW at J-783-0-67 and no transportation as our elements are moving east. Request they be picked up there.	81st	Div
x	59	1417	Our fwd elements at J-782133. At J-760766 is an enemy gun firing on our elements.	81st	Div
x	60	1500	Send 3 or 4 med tanks to hill 105 to help 91st Ren.	91st	Div
x	61	1500	Tanks in J-783J59 and will remain there for sometime.	81st	Div
x	62	1510	Column of enemy transports moving from Tunis to Biserte 8597 & other NW of there 8298. We have intercept them & not let them get to Biserte.	Harmon	CCA
x	63	1510	Be alert for identifications of enemy arm'd elements expedite report of any identification of enemy arm'd vehicle.	CCA	All Units
x	64	1515	Enemy CP in farm at J-717699 also supply center there. 2 large guns located at well at J-713697 - 2 - 88's on side of hill at J-711698.	CCA	All Units
x	65	1521	Our arty is firing on 3 Bns of enemy Inf & 125 trucks, also several tanks at 740825.	CCA	Div
x	66		Cannot change Freq. as there are too many stations in the net.	81st	Div
x	67	1540	Cp now at J-786056	81st	Div
x	68	1610	Fwd elements of our tanks at J-784A79.	81st	Div
x	69	1610	Rt. C.P. 669830, 1st Plat 670830, 2nd 670830, 3rd 685893. British Units are in Tunis.	Ren	S-2
x	70	1611	Our fwd elements at J-796D11.	81st	Div
x	71	1613	Vic of J-7479 at least 8 - 88mm have been destroyed or abandoned. 1600 hrs.	81st	Div
x	72	1622	Fwd elements 716890 - 1600 hrs.	91st	Div
x	73	1754	At J-755777 is a enemy arms and equipment dump. - 1745 hrs.	81st	Div
x	74	1809	Arty fire coming from 765883, Germans moving out eastward with 16 tanks and much personnel. Arty fire also coming from 750879 from top of hill. 1700 hrs.	CCA	Div

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DATE: 7TH MAY 1943

IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	75	1830	Vampire - Spit Pilot crashed vicinity Ferryville, name is Sgt. Milton, please be on lookout.		
x	76	1928	Road from J-783-0-58 to west is clear and available for traffic	81st	Div
x	77	1938	At J-812735 there appears to be a column of vehs., may be trucks or tanks moving NW visibility very poor identity not certain.	CCA	Div
x	78	2001	Rd. to N. & town Bizerte clear need 58th to support other action.	CCA	Div
x	79	2010	Rt. CP & 1st plat. 678869, 2nd 652775, 3rd 679814.	Rcn	S-2
x	80	2125	Have guide meet supply trucks at RJ 3979 at 2300 hrs.	S-2	Rcn
x	81	2145	CP at J-793J28	91st	Div
x	82	2210	Re msg 2145 hrs. correction coordinates J-793I79.	91st	Div
x	83	2238	Dusk report - Ref our msg of 1853 for situation vicinity Ferryville. You already know what we are up against in this sector. See elements at J-783819 and 804 with L.P. to east and south, other elements at J-784086 and 789B97 with L.P. at 789H07 total P/W for day 177.	81st	Div

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IN THE FIELD

8 May 1963

	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1 0615 Push east along 85 line. MAKE contact with the enemy.	S-2	Rcn
x	2 0620 Attached metal ball forwarded for study.	S-2	Div
x	3 0635 Situation quiet mopping up continues. Some sniping reported Rcn Co. E-W line 25J696M - 25J696 SLO..	S-2	Div
x	4 0720 No enemy has been seen in area East of J884 U10 at 0700A	81 rcn	Div
x	5 0735 At 820785 is a Bn of enemy Inf	81 rcn	Div
x	6 0750 Enemy arty gun at 806918	91 rcn	Div
x	7 0758 Rd from J-786 c25 to 786 K23 is good for Div load & for two way traffic also road just south & in same direction	81 rcn	Div
x	8 0800 Assemble Co vicinity 8174. CO report here for orders	S-2	Rcn
x	9 0812 Advance units under MG fire vic 795915	91 Rcn	Div
x	10 0850 At J-772788 enemy mortar at J-793782 enemy tank believed to be at J-793782 enemy tank at 0811A	81 Rcn	Div
x	11 0908 At J-733733 approx two plt of dsmt'd men seen on lit 0900A	81 Rcn	Div
x	12 0915 Enemy tanks attacking RW J-769775 also some enemy arm'd vehs a company of hy tanks coming from the East to Same RJ.	81 Rcn	Div
x	13 0930 Fresnet position 7578-8176 not quite reached yet	Rcn	S-2
x	14 0945 Reliable inf reports a German made road from Lac de Biserte road at approx 762892 to 788872- 815877 - 840888 to main rd at 872900 with heavy fortifications at DJ K CHARITA vic 825875- 0935A	CC A	Div
x	15 2 abandoned 88mm guns at 768770 & 772772	S-2	S-2
x	16 0926 Enemy trks attacking RW at J-769775 arm'd vehs approaching that RJ from the West at J-825845. at 0900A	Div	All Unit
x	17 1022 Friendly troops rept East side of DJ AMAR at J-9865 clear of enemy west side still undetermined. All elements are warned to watch for friendly trps particularly 4 wheeled vehs 1008	Div	All Units
x	18 1023 Unit on your right is at J-773 E48	Div	S-2
x	19 1030 6 vehs pulled out of farm 830717 NE 1015A 7 trks parked at 880742 1017A 4 3 A/vehs seen moving vic Iambardo Farm 825720 1020A 31 dsmt'd trps seen at 832710.	S-2	Div
x	20 1040 From vic of J-757886 resistance from NE & SE still stiff & flanks are protected.	81 rcn	Div
x	21 1045 At J-818731 is a high velocity gun in cactus patch also gun at J-825799 an A/csr near farm at J-772783 at 1023A	81 rcn	S-2
x	22 1048 3 vehs moving NE at 845720 also where the 88mm guns where knocked out are 3 more vehs. evidently knocked out 1 tank & 2 unidentified ones. Enemy OP w/12 men at 759738. Dtry of guns in vic of 7747A3 Friendly Fr. civies report Germans moving out of this vic with horses and mules.	Rcn	S-2
x	23 1050 At J-818731 is a high vel gun in cactus patch.	81 rcn	Div
x	24 1100 Fwd elmts 25J786 c80 (V7) 25J777 C83 OP 25J781 c18	81 rcn	S-2

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DATE: 8 MAY 1943

IN	OUT	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	25	1117	At 752748- 2 men seen by fire causing smoke to rise and fall also great conflict all along road to west at 740740 & 750800	Ren	S-2
x	26	1130	Fwd most elements returned & spotted gun flashes near houses in vicinity 793746	Ren	S-2
x	27	1135	A large explosion was heard at 832710 thought to be bridge.	Ren	S-2
x	28	1140	Unidentified vehs at 807740 moving south can observe traffic generally moving NE Cannot pick up gun flashed that were rept but seen a truck go in that vic and then turn around & go back.	Ren	S-2
x	29	1145	At 9178 there is a large concentration of vehs & large groups of men can be seen moving in an Easterly direction.	Ren	S-2
x	30	1150	2 more vehs moved behind the lambordi farm at about 810710.	Ren	S-2
x	31	1150	At J-790900 three enemy tanks were seen to go east over hill.	81	ren Div
x	32	1155	Enemy reported trying to evacuate 12 mile east of Bizerte on barges at MASS JEBEL.	CC A	Div
x	33	1200	At 8172 there are 3 vehs moving west behind hill	Ren	S-2
x	34	1210	4th elements at 819800-23 at 8200-1210A	81	ren Div
x	35	1220	OP reports long column of dust from Proteville running N & S	Ren	S-2
x	36	1227	The area about 9575 of Proteville has just been bombed by friendly planes	Ren	S-2
x	37	1235	Proteville and the road that runs N 46 to it was just hvly bombed again	Ren	S-2
x	38	1237	Our fwd elmts at 25 J886 B37 are receiving some enemy gun fire Fwd elmts at 25J984 G28 were there at 1215 & had seen no en actvy.	81	Div
x	39	1257	Fwd elements on North at 25J798 P82 CP of 1st Bn Baranthin Rgt believed at J-767723* 1300A	Div	S-2
x	40	1305	Friendly civies reports enemy loading facility at Porta FARINA withdrawing in that direction.	Ren	S-2
x	41	1307	2nd OP reports concentration of trps at 8878 at crossing & are h-ving difficulty in getting across in NE direction.	Ren	S-2
x	42	1310	Concentration of vehs trying to cross wadi at J-8880 having difficulty crossing. Civilians report enemy loading facilities at Porta Farina. enemy w/drawing in that direction.	S-2	G-2 Div
x	43	1315	Our fwd elements in this sector now at 25J984 I92 & 25J986 T-32 and T-27 and 1300x 1258A	81	Div
x	44	1325	Info friendly troops reptd at 9063 - 0065.	S-2	Ren
x	45	1410	Large concentration of enemy vehs at 920745.	S-2	A Unit
x	46	1409	At J8885 enemy is destroying much of his equipment (vhs are headed north.	81	S-2
x	47	1422	Large oil or gas fire started about 1 mile North of Proteville	Ren	S-2
x	48	1445	Veh on top of ridge at 936736 also fire started at 820720	Ren	S-2
x	49	1500	At 855805 gun firing with 5 vehs nearby look like tnks.	Ren	S-2

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IN	OUT NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	50	1455	At J9085 there is an airfield with 5 planes on it at J88848 - enemy has destroyed at least 15 of these vehicles & dsmt'd men moving to NE.	81	Ren S-2
x	51	1545	reconnaissance Fwd elements at 25J984 I18 are working B fwd elemnts 81 Div on North at 25J894 I37 1544A.		
x	52	1545	A gun firing from house at 888745 also a concentration of vehs at 936732 on hill 42 and 48.	Ren	S-2
x	53	1546	At J-9383 are 1000 enemy inf & 200 vehs moving N 1545A request Air	81	S-2
x	54	1555	At J885 column of vehs still streaming North some South of this point are still destroying vehs in that area 1544A	81	Div
x	55	1640	The concentration around 8678 is getting a lot bigger about 100 vehs some tanks and Inf.	Ren	S-2
x	56	1755	Our advance elements on North at J798 R04 1750A	81	Div
x	57	1755	Enemy arty firing from vic D-8203.	CC A	Div
x	58	1800	3 German H/Ts, 1 AT gun, 2 M/C, 1 armd car moving North East along road at 874780.	Ren	S-2
x	59	1810	At 794793 2 vehs Military type no activity observed charge will lay down fire on gun position at J-869734.	Ren	S-2
x	60	1849	At J-905983 are 6 enemy guns at 1835A	81	Div Ren
x	61	1940	OP can spot gun flashes south of Proteville also white tracers no activity in area arty still landing on hill to my right (3 pl)	Ren	S-2
x	62	2030	RT CP 774755, 2 plt 774755, RT BB 774755, RT 1 plt 789799 3 plt 749785	Ren	S-2
x	63	2038	Dusk report - enemy vehs still moving N on rd vic J-885850 also some inf scattered positions in valley vic. J885850 arty fire from enemy was rather light as dusk approached gun fire from bty J-910938 has not been seen or heard at dusk 2026A	81st	Div

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DATE: 9 May 1943

IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	MESSAGE	ORIGIN	TO
x	1	0610		No enemy fire encountered		CC A Div
xx	2	0655		4 P/W taken last night from 1st Co., 1st Bn, 962 Inf from 5th Bn 334th Regt. they said 3 of these 75mm were left.		81st Div
x	3	0700		Fwd elements north of town no resistance encountered taking lots of prisoners.		91st Div
x	4	0747		Some friendly forces are shelling the farm at 85-732 also the Proteville road. we also have 4 PW.		Rcn S-2
x	5	0750		The 5 prisoners are from the 750th air borne Alpine trps are Austrians the rest of their troops took off to Porta Farina no tanks in that area. Fwd elements 8278 of the 1st AR		Rcn S-2
x	6	0545		Vehs that were reported yesterday at 8878 are now dispersed.		Rcn S-2
x	7	0600		Patrols was out @ Sirryl to Sayrty and saw no movement or enemy activity. 1 prisoner was taken. he was from the 334 Eng or Inf. Terrain to East and NE Sayrty is passable.		Rcn S-2
x	8	0750		CP 1st plt 8485 proceeding to 889885.		Rcn S-2
x	9	0840		British units at 840716 CP now at 8674 still moving		Rcn S-2
x	10	0850		Rt 1st plt 880804. Beward of booby traps.		Rcn S-2
x	11	0910		RT 3 ptls 860730. CP 905763. 2 plt 825710. 1 plt is moving SE		Rcn S-2
x	12	1045		1st rep rts enemy attempting to evacuate along coast from D-925005 to K-1095. 3 50-4 barges being loaded at K-1096 at 0715. Enemy using smoke screen along coast freighters adn barges seen through smoke fire at E 1001 and 2040.		Div S-2
x	13	1045		At J-901977 3 Mk 3 tanks at J-913964. 2 MK3 tanks at 903973 enemy CP at J-893954 in grove is destroying vehicles & equip.		81st Rcn Div
x	14	1130		At 1140 hrs Germans Surrender (unconditional) Cease fire was given.		Div. All Unt
x	15	1505		Have PW in your areas point out location of mines, booby traps, time bombs, explosive etc as part of Surrender Terms.		S-2 A Unit

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BENSON FORCE
OPERATIONS AT SBEITLA AND EL GUETTAR

(As dictated by COL G. G. BENSON, then commanding
the 13th Arm Regt)

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My force consisted of 3rd Bn, 13th AR, and the 68th FA, throughout operation, with various attachments from time to time up to strength approximately 1/2 an armored division; stationed at SBEITLA to protect the north flank of the 1st AD. This was subsequently modified by Corps orders to protection of SBEITLA and I was then given command of all troops in vicinity of SBEITLA, including 1 Bn of the 39th Inf, the 894th TD, the 84th FA, 72nd FA, ENG's, medical troops, supply troops, etc. The entire command was mobilized at SBEITLA for approximately a week by heavy rains, which made moves impossible, except on hard surfaced roads. As soon as weather conditions permitted, we were moved out of SBEITLA SE approximately 25 miles to BIR EL HAFEY and remained in that vicinity, operating in vicinity of MAZILA Pass for several days, still with a dual mission, partly under Division and partly under Corps; protecting the north flank of division and the SBEITLA area. While at SBEITLA and BIR EL HAFEY, we relied principally upon the Derbyshire Yeomanry for men with excellent results. The DY's were operating under II Corps control in close cooperation with my force. About March 26 I received orders to proceed to the EL GUETTAR area for operations entirely under 2nd Corps control. I preceded the column and reported to Gen Terry Allen, 1st Inf Div, on the morning of March 29, while my troops were moving to the vicinity of GAFSA. Other troops were immediately attached to my command so that by March 30, I had the 3rd Bn of 39th Inf, 2nd Bn of the 1st AR, the 65th FA, the 899th TD Bn, the 81st Ron Bn, 1 co of Engrs, 1 co of medics, 1 co of maintenance, and the equivalent of a supply company. This force was later increased by the arrival of the 2nd Bn of the 6th Inf and the attachment of the 894th TD Bn, as well as artillery to concentrate on objectives selected by me. All the artillery of the 9th Inf Div, 1st Inf Div, and the II Corps artillery Brigade.

Operations as follows: Concentrate command east of EL GUETTAR March 30 while 9th Inf Div moved into positions formerly occupied by part of the 1st Inf Div so that 1st Inf Div was on the north, 9th Inf Div on the south, and my force in the center, all pushing east to break through the funnel formed by mountains approximately 8 or 10 miles east of EL GUETTAR. On March 31, the 1st and 9th Inf Divs attacked with 4 Bns in the assault and up to noon had not made any marked progress. At 1130 that morning, I ordered the 2nd Bn of the 1st AR to launch a tank attack to break through between the 1st and 9th Inf Divs so as to enable them to join hands. This attack was led by ~~XX~~ 1st Lt Buresh, Co #18, 1st AR, supported by 2 tank cos of that bn in overwatching positions and the fire of 2 bns of 105's, 65th and 68th of my command, as well as the fire of Div and Corps Artillery. The tank attack broke thru the position defended by 12 75's and 2 47's that I counted personally, as well as German tanks and other defensive guns that I did not count. His

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orders were to go to a certain ridge which was threatened, escort 3 Artillery Observers in tanks to that position and keep them there until dark, by which time I expected to have the remainder of my force moved up to take over the operation. Lt Buresh led this attack in an exceptionally gallant manner and was completely successful; reaching his objective by 1300. He lost at least 5 tanks knocked out and burned up by enemy gun fire in so doing. I used every means in my power including ~~use of scout parties~~ to get elements of the 899th TD Bn to move up in support of him and the remainder of his Bn to go on through his position, fan out to the south and the east and having issued the necessary orders and followed them up to the best of my ability, proceeded to his position in my own command tank, picked up about 40 Italian prisoners, and went then to the rear and engaged a German MK IV tank which I think we disabled but did not destroy and knocked out another German vehicle which I took to be an 8-wheeled personnel carrier which was moving a gun out of position. We burned up the vehicle and destroyed the vehicle by gun fire. After this incident, we picked up another~~7~~ which had been abandoned in perfect working condition, with a few rounds of live ammunition lying about near where we found the Italian prisoners. I remained on this position with a command tank until 31 April, 1945, issuing urgent orders by radio and by Officer Courier for the remainder of my command to come up and join me. The only portion that reached me was one company of the 81st Ron. I had sent word to the 1st Inf Div through Col Hoy who would join me, that we had the position and would turn it over to them if they would send a Bn of Inf up there to sit on it and had issued a series of peremptory orders for other elements of my command to move up. My orders were effectively neutralized by the action of Lt Col J. J. E. Williams, who was then acting as my Executive Officer. Instead of complying with my orders, he insisted upon calling all unit commanders from the battlefield to my CP which was approximately 6 miles west of where my command tank then was. He kept them in conference from about 1100 PM 31 March to 3 AM 1 April. I had also ordered Col Williams to move my CP immediately and the receipt of this message was acknowledged at 0025 hours, 1 April, but the CP was not moved when I reached it about 0600 AM 1 April. Shortly thereafter, the CP was bombed by 11 or 12 German bombers with the result that we lost 4 killed and 11 or 12 wounded.

After the arrival of reconnaissance elements of the 81st Ron Bn, on the position where I was with my command tank, we made patrols on foot to the next ridge eastward with the view to placing tanks and Inf and to hold the position and at about 2 AM we were fired upon by enemy MGs and grenades, indicating that the enemy was beginning to return to that position. A similar encounter with enemy patrols took place about 1/2 mile south of where I was between hostile patrols and elements of the 81st Ron Bn. Up to that time, the battlefield was so empty that I had moved my own tank to the top of the highest ridge in that vicinity and stood on top of it, without getting shot at, yelling in a loud voice for Col Hoy to join me. For 14 hours after the attack made by Lt Buresh, we held the key to the EL GUETTAR funnel and could have had it clinched had we been able to place any respectable body of troops on it. We did not get it again until a week later, after a lot of hard fighting. Our operations subsequently consisted of ron in force along the north flank of the funnel in close cooperation with the 16th RCT of the 1st Inf Div and a series of local operations in which the 2nd Bn, 6th Inf played an extremely important part, we pushed forward several miles. On April 6, the 3rd Bn of the 13th AR made a limited advance which carried it slightly past the advanced

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positions of the 16th RCT on the north side of the funnel. Elements of the 81st Rcn and the 2nd Bn, 6th Inf, operating in conjunction with this force maintained them in their advanced position on the night of the 6/7 with orders to push on during the night, maintain contact with the enemy and report indications of his withdrawal. It developed at daylight on the 7th that the 3rd Bn, 13th AR, was in a wadi approximately 2 and 1/2 miles west of their supposed position; that the enemy had mined that vicinity during the night at the only practicable crossing in that vicinity and that he was definitely pulling out. It also developed that the Bn commander had failed to refuel his tanks; his reason being that they had not come very far the night before. I relieved him from command, issued the necessary orders to get that portion of the command moving east, returned to my CP and moved it with the remainder of the command eastward in compliance with urgent orders from Gen Patton, to get on the tail of the enemy, attack and destroy him and cut his line of withdrawal. Enemy minefields bottle-necked our progress, but, being undefended, caused no appreciable delay and after passing the minefields the command fanned out and moved across country in battle formation onto the GABBES - GAFSA road, 81st Rcn in front, 899th TD north flank, 944th TD south flank, and 3rd, 1st AR, south, 3rd Bn, 13th AR north; and 68th FA in the center with the GAFSA - GABBES road as the axis of advance. My command tank and command halftrack having been bombed into the maintenance shop on April 1, I relied upon a jeep for my own transportation and the use of various battalion radio sets that I encountered forward of my CP to transmit my orders. It worked out very well. The formation moved rapidly; by-passed enemy guns reported as 2 47's, 1 88 and a dug-in tank opposite the 88K stone in the EL HAFY Pass. Gen Patton and Gen Kova, riding in a C & R car on the main road with 3 stars and the II Corps insignia conspicuously displayed, caught up with me at about this point and I advised them that there was one squad of rcn and 1 squad of engineers out ahead of them on the road that had not been searched for mines. Gen Patton said that he had no god-damned business being there and knew it, but just couldn't help it, wished me good-luck and told me to keep going and I believe he turned back at that point because I saw him no more. However, I heard repercussions of his return to GAFSA all the way down the line later on as he reinforced my orders in his usual energetic manner to my rear elements to keep rolling eastward. My CP had been displaced from the 124K stone to 116 at which point I ordered it to the 88K stone and before our arrival there to join me at the 80K. At this point I received news that we had joined hands with the 8th Army in the direction of GABBES. The element making contact being 81st Rcn Bn with rcn elements of the British 12th Lancers, 1st AD. The 81st assisting in driving off some Germans who had captured a squadron commander of the British rcn forced them to release their prisoners and having restored the squadron leader to his unit, made similar contact with the 8th Army. The information reaching me at that time indicated that the New Zealanders and elements of the 1st British Armored Division were in control of the area south and southeast of the SEBKRAH EN ENOUAL. Consequently, I changed my direction of march from east to northeast when we reached the point due north of SEBKRAH O MANSOURA. 1 Co of rcn, the entire 899th TD Bn and the leading elements of the 3rd Bn of the 13th AR closely followed by the 68th FA were the first to move in this direction. There was a delay of about 1/2 an hour in making this 90° change in the direction of march but on the whole it was done with excellent speed and practically no loss of time on the part of the majority of troops involved.

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There were no roads after we left the GABRES road. We took off across country with a view to cutting the Gum Tree Road. At about 6 PM we contacted the commander of the 899th TD Bn near the northwest corner of the SEBKRAAT EN ENOUAL and pointed out to him the Gum Tree Road at the base of the mountains to the north, the fact that this road was jammed with enemy traffic moving rapidly east and gave him a positive order to maneuver northwest and cut that road. His battalion at that time was being fired on by enemy 75's and some small arms, apparently long-range machine gun fire from a northeasterly direction but there was good enough cover to the northwest to maneuver without any difficulty. I then went to the head of the 3rd Bn, 13th AR, found the Bn commander, Maj Blodgett, in the leading tank accompanied by 8 out of the 42 that had started with him that morning and gave him the same objective, the same direction of advance, told him what the TD's had been ordered to do and directed him to cut the road, move west along it, smash everything he could for 1 mile and then reassemble where he started. He had only about 1/2 hour of daylight. While he was moving out, the TD's were moving and shooting long-range fire at the traffic on the Gum-Tree Road. Thinking that such made sufficient provisions for halting what was on the Gum-Tree Road, I took off in my jeep to bring up the rest of my command to that position. My CP had moved from K stone 80 approximately north of SEBKRAAT C MANNSOURA northeast about 8 miles across-country to coordinates Y-7777. I rejoined them at about 2 AM, having returned to K stone 80 and trailed them from the rear. I passed through many troops of the command while rejoining them my CP, found them all tired, dirty and hungry, and eager to continue the advance. Their movement into the assembly area in the vicinity of Y-7777 had been accomplished about 2 hours after dark, and the supply trains were moving up to refuel them. I was well satisfied with our operations up to that point as I felt that I had approximately 1/2 an armored division well in hand in a position of great tactical value from which to strike at daylight the following day. I placed the 68th FA in position to fire on the Gum-Tree Road at dawn and having issued these orders awaited further information about the disposition of my own troops. Within a few moments of my arrival at my CP I received an order to withdraw approximately 18 miles which would have placed all of my troops west of SEBKRAAT C MANNSOURA. This order struck me as being exactly what the Germans would have ordered me to do, and so requested II Corps, in the clear, to confirm their orders by sending an Officer Courier to K 80 on the GABRES Road and by further authentication in a radio message. It developed that the orders were authentic; consequently, shortly after daylight, we pulled back and established our CP at the 88K stone with all troops of the command in that vicinity, except 1 rcn company and 1 inf co which preceded west to clean out EL HAFEY Pass from the north in conjunction with another inf co that was moving it up from the south. The forces that I had directed to cut the Gum-Tree Road did not do so except by fire and so far as I know, there was no serious interruption to the enemy traffic on that road on the night of 7/8 April. There again we missed an opportunity to capture a good bag of prisoners -- through failure to comply with orders which terminated advance even in the dark against practically defenseless troops would have enabled us to turn in a different score; and might have persuaded the high command to permit us to join hands with the remainder of the 1st AD on our north and continue the operation under highly favorable circumstances. This was the first time that I had commanded such a large force in battle -- my staff was improvised and unaccustomed to working together. The troops themselves were not members of a well organized team, but were composed ~~partly~~ of various battalions

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that had never worked before together, whose commanders I scarcely knew by name. I am deeply disappointed in our failure to achieve more decisive results. We captured about 1200 prisoners.

Cooperation of Infantry with Tanks: I found it practically impossible to secure the close cooperation that is essential to obtaining the fruits of victory. I established and maintained the closest possible contact with the commanders of the 1st Inf Div and 9th Inf Div, members of the staff and their regimental commanders and personally visited them day after day in an effort to coordinate my efforts with theirs and theirs with mine. The gist of the matter is this: armor can place infantry on a position, but armor alone cannot maintain it there. Hence, the infantry is not to be left exposed in such a position, and will not move into it, except with patrols. Cooperation between armored infantry and tanks again demonstrated the necessity for tanks having their own armored infantry with them under the control of the tank commander. As the 2nd Bn of the 6th Inf was under my control. They performed invaluable service again and again. I am positive we could not have accomplished what little we did without their help.

On the 6th of April there was an attack by a company of armored infantry. This attack was overwatched by platoons of tanks which was attached to that company. They, in turn, were overwatched by 2 platoons of tanks, the remainder of their own company. The entire attack was supported by 11 battalions of FA which was subject to the orders of my artillery commander, Maj Lemann. With this support, 1 company of infantry attacked over a distance of over 2 1/2 miles and obtained objectives which were essential to un-plugging the funnel. Enemy machine gun nests opposing them were blasted out of existence as fast as they opened up. In fact, an eye witness said it was like 'Irish Farmers Digging Potatoes'. In another instance, when the tanks led the attack the infantry followed them up and were on hand when darkness fell to give them security against enemy infantry during the hours of darkness. The team work between armored infantry and tanks in this series of operations was all that could be desired.

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March 16, 1943. SBETTLA area.

1100	Report to Regal advance C.P. 1100	Regal	
1130	Regal 6 wants to see you at his adv C.P. today	F.F.*	Cocks
1130	Be prepared to move tonite. Send officer for billeting w/all equipment, report to this C.P. at 1400A	F.F.	84 FA
1140	Alert your unit for move tonite, send officer with all equipment 1400. Also advisable to send mine detector.	F.F.	00 16
1425	Unit CO's meeting at this CP at 1600A	F.F.	47, 3/13, 68, 443 (aa) 0/16
1015	Para N FO #8, 1st AD, 2200 15 March changed to road 2200 March 16 instead of 1000 March 17; the 84th will join at SBETTLA at 0100 17 March with one plt 443 AA attached.	1 AD	FF
1045	Water point located S-8381 closes 1800 16 March.	1 AD	All Units
	Order of March: FF A/16, F/6, B/16, C/16, 68 FA, 84 FA, 19ws trains & 47th Med, 443 CA, Ho FF, Ho C/16, El C/16, 3/13.		

2025 No move tonite; await further orders. FF Trains

March 17, 1943 SBETTLA

1635	Riot Blue 3 requests that he be furnished with an overlay showing position of mines laid by you. Mines that were borrowed from Riot Blue. We would also like some overlay. Please send our overlay by return messenger, please send Riot Blue copy direct.	FF	16
1640	Your report stating roads will be possible tonite if there is no more rain has been telephoned to Gen Ward.	FF	16
1910	Confirmation of the fall of GAFSA. Strong ren pushing in direction of EL GUETIAR, concentration of Div 75% complete.	Col Akers	FF
?	A Co 701 TD Bn informed to report to the rest of the Bn for action outside of Div control.	?	?
1940	Col Benson made a personal ren (Alamo) of area that 894th was engaged. Col Benson was fired on; the Alamo expended 47 rounds, having 4 TD from the 894th. the enemy withdrew and fled.	Oral	
2215	Co A 16th Eng was alerted at 1945 and is en route to join C/OA at 2215.	Panther	
2000	After receiving verbal orders from 34th Div, the 84th FA was ordered to move into Mivouac behind the 68th FA	Oral	

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March 18th, 1943 SBETTLA

1505	68th FA ordered to join Div at THELPIE and ordered to march at once.	Oral	
1900	Meeting of 894th TD and 47th Inf to meet at this CP 19 March for a conference with Col Benson.	FF	894/47
1943	Have Burba join me at once via THELPIE, AGE.	1 AD	FF

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- 1100 Small arms fire reported by the 47th Inf in area T-2673. This may be some 3rd Bn personnel. No practice firing will take place without permission from this HQ. FF 3/13
- 0700 To GO Go B/16 Eng, Co F/6 Inf; You will move at once over route B to join respective combat command per FO #8, Revised. Do necessary work on roads to get through. Close by dark. 1 AD FF
- 1100 Small arms fire reported by the 47th Inf in area T-2673. This may be some 3rd Bn personnel practising. No practise firing will take place without permission from this HQ. FF 3/13
- 1115 Alert your unit for immediate movement and report to this CP at once. FF B/16, F/6
- 1800 The 26th FA registered in their arty in their area. They fell short almost landing in the Derby Yocmanry. Col Benson
- 1800 Col Benson reported that at the meeting of unit commanders this afternoon he was told our command could retire back in case of an attack, also that he was to take command of all troops in this area. Oral

March 20, 1943

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- 0825 894th TD Bn will fire 37mm at T-299707 at 1200 today in olive grove at 1400 caution all vehicles. Riot Blue FF
- 1022 CP of Punch will move to T-3765 at 1200 today; 37mm will be fired by friendly unit into olive grove at T-3067 at 1400 today from 2970. FF All Units
- 1100 Rpt condition of road between your present location and here. 1 AD FF
- 1305 What is conditions of roads and ground for cross country moves in your area? Push answer. ACK. 1 AD FF
- 1325 Arrange telephone comm with me. ACK. 1 AD FF
- 1500 Your force moving tonite, covers left of the Div from vicinity of DJ EL HAFFEY, send billeting parties at once to Robinett, he moves south tonite. ACK. 1 AD FF
- 1635 ACK your msg of 1100, 1305, 1325, 1500. FF 1 AD
- 1755 FF moving tonite. You are to take command 805 TD Bn. CP located at T-3177. FF 894th
- 1758 Flank Force moving out tonight. You will be under command of GO 3rd Bn, 47th Inf CP at T-2678. FF 805 TD
- 1800 Flank force moving out tonite. You will be under command GO 894th TD Bn. CP located at T-2865. FF 805 TD
- 1800 Flank Force moving out tonite. FF 3/47 Inf
- Flank Force moved out from location 3 mi NE of SBEITLA at 1800 Arrived new location T-3738 at 1155 taking over old bivouac area of G/GB. Oral

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- 1100 Map template reference holes 319-724 658 map tilt angle zero effective 0001, 22 March. 1 AD FF
- 1500 CP at T-503W80 1 AD FF

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1625 Corps called informing S-3 that the 1 AD took 1000 prisoners beyond GAFSA. II C FF

1900 Ren plt from this Hq established listening post on DJ EL KIBAR, S-2 March 22, 1943

1100 16th Eng released from our command and reverted to 1 AD. Command released from 1 AD and comes under command II Corps 1 Bn of 62 FA attached to this command. Oral

1220 Ren in area consisting 3/13, 62 FA, and Hq FF, moving towards pass area T-7727, orders are to attack any encountered. Oral

2100 Effective at once you are under 2 Corps control. Your mission to protect Corps left flank from your present position, by attacking any enemy drive from direction of FAID or FOUNDOUE; 62 Armd Field Bn will arrive in your area prior today light 22 March and become attached to you. You will maintain contact with troops at SBEITIA. D.V. and 1st AD. Separate instructions regarding comm are being forwarded to you, providing should situation warrant 16th Inf (motorized) and 899 TD Bn will be made available to you by this Hq 1st A_d to continue to supply you. 2 Corps FF

2330 CP returned to present location after making cross country ren. Tanks and arty. fired on armd cars and infantry at pass T-7320. No enemy captured no losses. H QO, 13th AR, remained in that location until morning with ren. plt to work through and contact Div forces coming through pass on the south.

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0700 Have Ralston's outfit join you at once. FF 3/13

0840 Col Crosby rpt to Col Benson at this CP 0930 FF 3/13

0840 CO rpt to Col Benson, this CP 0930 FF 62 FA

1100 Our separated Cohorts been ordered to rejoin there Bn. Send back to their CP liaison officers from 3/13 and 84th FA. FF 1 AD

1100 84th FA Bn released from this command, to rpt to GAFSA area. FF (Oral) 3/13, 62

0845 CG 2 Corps informs me you will move on my request. Request any move not to be premature. Such move if made, should be due North towards SBEITIA. Request for move will be made by my sending the one word MOVE. 00 9 Inf FF

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1300 Heavy enemy vehicle traffic moving N from T-7919 at 1330. 84th FA FF

1400 Talbot has left with his unit for an unknown destination. 84th FA FF

1441 U.S. forces reported at T-8611 and at T-7715, T-7424, T-7496. Sighted 4 Mark 6 tanks on hill 1430. 84 FA FF

2245 Sultan denies any report of any enemy vehicles up to this time FF 3/13

2359 Ralston remains in present location, until further orders. FF 3/13

5 enemy tanks and 50 dismounted men moving east into pass at T-7826 at 1130. 1 enemy 75mm gun at T-7826, men appear to be moving at that point. 10 tanks reported heading west at T-8125 Fall Quad.

2200 Enemy parachutists landed 6 mi east of SBEITIA at 2145. 84 FA FF

1730 Request enemy and friendly troop information at point 2. 3/13 FF

1840 Check points not available send us template or coordinate reading on your message of 1730. FF 3/13

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INT C/OA closed in assembly area at 0715 vicinity of T-7813.

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0930	Request situation report on MAZEHLA Pass, are you operating there, if so, do you desire us to help you from the north and when?	FF	1 AD
0920	Report at once the situation on your front immediately rpt briefly.	2 C	FF
1000	No contact with enemy, no reports other than thru D.Y. which you also have.	FF	2 C
0935	C/C B now in position south of MAZEHLA Pass, no operation expected in pass until situation in the east clears. You are under Corps control and not available to us. ACK.	1 AD	FF
1055	Your msg 0935 red with regrets	FF	1 AD
1710	Request permission to have indirect fire weapon to stop enemy from recovering of vehicles where Alamo was fired upon.	3/13	FF
1845	Request 1 kitchen truck and 1 ration truck with crews be sent to this Hq T-3841 at once. ACK	FF	CCB
2200	Corps ordered Flank Force to move there entire command 4 miles north of GAUSA. Col Benson to report to 1st Inf Div CO	Oral	

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0630	Closed in bivouacs in new position T-0785.	Oral	
2215	Kitchen truck with rations to Flank Force from C/CB rpt to T-384108 30 March.	C/CB	FF
	Gen Welbert (r) unit visited our CP and had a conference with our S-2-S-3.	Oral	
1600	6 vehicles were sent from FF consisting of 3 H/T 3/13 and 3 H/T from 62 FA for improving road south of GAUSA.	Oral	
	Col Benson had all day conference with Gen Alley	Oral	

March 26, 1943

1800	62 FA was alerted by 2 Corps to move during the XXXX night to move in vicinity of MARNASKEY, they did not move so plans must have been changed.	Oral	
2200	1 plt 443 AA moved into the vicinity NS during the night 26/27 March and was attached to Flank Force.	Oral	
	No activity so report. Col Benson was to the 1st Inf Div. Capt Ooke went to 2 Corps no information gained on how were to be used on forthcoming missions.		

March 27, 1943.

1030	Ground to ground recognition signal to be flown on all armored vehicles and vehicles with radio masts will be one pennant in the center of the mast from the present date till 31 March.	1 AD	All Us
1320	Same message as above.	FF	All Us
1530	62nd FA with 443 OA AA relieved from FF command and attached to Panther (1st AD).	Oral	
1600	Have your comm officer rpt to Div Sig Off at 1900 hrs 27 March; off is to bring radio status rpt with him	1 AD	FF

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0845 Major Curtiss in Taylor cub and had a conference with Col Benson.

Confidential enemy minefield of 200 mines between C-7725 and T-7527 learned by radio intercept confidential. Corps wire crew and panel truck to revert to Corps command. They were instructed to report to GAFSA for further orders.

March 29, 1943

No activity, Col Benson left for Div Hq at 2000 to attend conference new mission. Lt Clay and Lt Keefe left at 0300 hrs for billetging detail.

March 30, 1943

0100 Command alerted to be ready to move to new position upon the arrival of Col Benson.

0345 CP moved out Route of march GAFSA -- EL GUETAR new bivouac area ~~west~~ east of EL GUETAR on GABES highway.

0720 Arrived in new bivouac area Y-2670.

Benson Force consisting of the following units:
81 Ren Bn, 3/13, 91 FA, 65th FA Bn, 2/1 899 TD
B Coy, 16th Eng, B Co Maint Bn, B Co 47th Med Bn,
Det 141 Sig, 3 plts 443 AA.

1110 Gen Patton arrived at CP for conference with Col Benson.

1355	Our forward elements at Y-3170.	81 Ren	FF
1423	Have you moved? If so, how far?	3/39	BF
1424	No to above message.	BF	3/39
1445	Location 3566	899 TD	FF
1520	Moved CP forward about 2 mi to Y-2868		
1530	Enemy tanks at Y-4364 at 1500. Moving west. I will notify Punch and Hoy.	Williams	81 Ren
1534	Enemy tanks at Y-4364 at 1500 moving west	Williams	899 TD
1547	At 1500 0 was at Y-4166 enemy arty falling 500 yds to front; at 1500, A B location was Y-3668.	81 Ren	Williams
1600	Location F80R20 no definite orders received by me UUT received orders to move out cautiously.	Talbot	Williams
1625	Can you get any further without passing Talbot. Is Talbot moving out now?	Burba	
1637	We are upon 3 88s reported at 3764.	68 FA	BF
1653	Col Benson returned from a personal Ron with the Alemo.		
1648	I am now interdicting cross road at 3164.	68 FA	BF
1645	Our forward elements still at Y-4166 and Y-3668 at 1640 awaiting help from friend.	81 Ren	BF
1655	We are firing on enemy battery at 3766.	68 FA	BF
1700	Have displaced forward and am now about on a line with Talbot, am now firing counter btry.	68 FA	BF

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1725	We are firing on enemy mortars at 3562.	68 FA	BF
1930	E/1, No 12 (2/2 PM11)	2/1	BF
1935	Our FO reports that our Inf is bringing in about 200 Italian prisoners taken just before dark.	68 FA	BF
1801	Has there been any recent information on enemy tanks.	2/1	BF
1950	No AA firing at night unless actually attacked.	BF	All Us
2124	Talbot you are to be at CP at 0615 31 March	BF	2/1
2130	Crosby you are to be at CP at 0615 31 March	BF	2/1
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0725	Request report on your progress	BF	3/ 39
0730	Denver Cigar.	Panther	BF
0847	Send channel number of frequency of En of high frequency sets by PMD 11	BF	899 65 FA 81 Ron 2/1
0250	Loading vehicles 8th Army supply convoys using GABES road when drawing from dump in 2 Corps area will fly Union Jack for recognition purposes.	2 C	All Us
0300	Same message as above sent to all units.		
0359	Immediately advise at to time of attack.	2 C	BF
0810	Reference last message attack started at about 0700 progress of attack unknown. At present we have liaison with unit attacking and will keep you informed as to progress they are now in vicinity T-0728	81 Ron	BF
0823	Our infantry at Y-4068 at 0710	BF	2 C
0816	Report at once the situation on your front. CG	2 C	BF
0913	We have fired upon enemy infantry at 379-649	68 FA	BF
0913	Enemy vehicles located at 3964 we also fired on enemy infantry at 379-663.	68 FA	BF
0906	Report will be delayed.	3/39	BF
0900	No recent report from our infantry 26th and 16th on the left held up line Y-395695 and 395899, 899th 300 yds wadi 3567. Total losses: 5 M 10s, and one lt tk from close range arty. Same wadi receiving hvy arty fire, including time shells. Our arty under arty fire at 0815.	BF	2 C
0935	May we fire arty concentration at Y-3664?	BF	2 C
0820 0830	There is an enemy two gun position between Y-3664 and Y03864, will try to give exact position soon.	81 Ron	BF
0924	Position of foremost elements unchanged; forward progress held down due to canalization at pass and minefields.	81 Ron	BF
1002	Col Benson left CP to make a forward Ron in the Alamo.		
0945	Hoy reports two large guns 1 truck at Y-367655 being attacked by friendly troops at 0752.	BF	2 C
1010	Enemy A/T gun at Y-3964.	BF	68 FA

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1020	Ren went forward, motor vehicles should come soon.	3/39	BF
1230	Send strong patrols forward to contact units on right and left. Fill gap between 1st and 9th.		Gaffey BF
1230	Motor vehicles that brought 3rd Inf Div group to units 2 Corps motor pool immediately.	20	BF
1032	1 enemy gun believed to be an 88mm located at Y-402640	BF	2/1
1034	About 6 enemy tanks attacking from vicinity Y-4268 enemy gun believed to be an 88mm located at Y-402640 report your position.	BF	3/39
1034	Reports of our situation going in with our LO	3/39	BF
1036	88mm gun battery on hill 290 at Y-366-654 and 105mm gun at Y-368-467 and Y-365-627 estimated.	BF	3/39
1045	Our observer has located what he thinks is a battery of arty, inf and vehicles at 395-627. Were letting it have all we've got.		
1100	We are requested to furnish Talbot with 2 observers in tanks, does that have your approval? As we will have to pull two observers.	68 FA	BF
1155	Give location of rear tank co.	81 Ren	BF
1121	The unit of Kellys is continuing its attack by an envelopment. They have captured 6 officers and 108 men. Just received a call from the boss, throw in Talbot and push on it possible.	Williams	Alamo
1130	Have fired on 88mm at 428638. Observer reports 2 guns definitely imoperative and prime mover hit by our fire.	68 FA	BF
1121	Position of forward elements unchanged, enemy arty still effective at 1121.	81 Ren	BF
1117	2 tanks moving east from Y-4065, in the same vicinity there are other enemy vehicles but not as yet identified.	81 Ren	BF
1100	Location of minefields at 1055 Y-360640, Y-380650, Y-400684, Y-400698.		1st Inf BF
1113	OP reports enemy gun still firing at Y-3765 2 of 6 tanks went to east out of sight, other 4 tanks cannot be seen, not identified.	81 Ren	BF
1240	Have Crosbys battalion move out not later than 2 hrs.	Alamo	Williams
1241	Do you mean arrive where you are within 2 hrs?	W	Alamo
1242	I mean to arrive where you are in 2 hrs.	Alamo	W
1243	How is it going on?	W	A
1244	Well, one Co is shooting while the other Co moves and everything is lovely.	A	W
1300	Your tanks are now moving thru minefields at this time. 2 tanks are already thru minefields.	81 Ren	BF
1305	Enemy vehicles are now moving south and east of strong point. Arty fire still coming on our tanks, but tanks are still moving forward.	81 Ren	BF
1325	One co of tanks thru minefields, others following all available engs should be sent to work on minefields.	81 Ren	BF
1330	Kelley says that he has contact with the 47th he is checking his wounded and amm; nothing serious. He must consolidate his forces. The smoke was too short would like to have it raised to the top of the hill it needs much elevation.	3/39	BF

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1335	100 enemy retreating to south at Y-4663, at 1325.	81 Ren- BF
1345	100 enemy retreating to south at Y-4663, at 1325.	81 Ren BF
1345	Where are you now?	Williams B/16
1346	Right behind you.	B/16 W
1347	Will you come over here right away?	W B/16
1347	Wilco.	B/16 W
1400	Injured men located along highway need ambulances at Y-3566.	3/13 BF
	JU 88s flew over the CP constantly during the night dropping flares and bombs in areas surrounding the CP.	
0842	Was reported by phone that 35 enemy tanks were coming from the valley at 0300.	2 C Hewitt
0945	There is a large unexploded bomb estimated \$00 in our area, request disposition or removal of same.	3/13 BF
1400	Alert whole command for movement but remain in present location until further orders.	BF 81 Ren
1404	Move your command to 118 K left side of road.	BF 3/13
1402	Move you command rightside of road at 118 K.	BF 3/13
1408	Alert command for movement.	BF 2/6 81 Ren 65 FA 68 FA B/16 3/13 899 TD
1415	Move your command as far east as our CP yesterday, into area already reconnoitered.	BF 899 TD
1420	Move your command astride road at 117 K at once	BF 2/6
1400	The 3 Bn 39th Inf is now in position to stop enemy infantry. They are located at 350662 present time. They are preparing to pull out and join you now recommend they be left in present position until vague situations cleared up. At present Major Gunn has 2 Cos in line. I am going forward now and cycle can bring up answer. Crosby is with me now.	2/6 BF
1425	I am now moving my entire command as follows: TD on the north as far east as 116K marker on main road; my 2/6 inf astride the road at 117K; 2 Bns of tanks astride main road 117K stone; 2 Bns FA astride main road at 120 K stone. Request you stay where you are now.	BF 3/39
1913	3/13 13A.R. is guarding mine field, inform 899 F.D. not to fire on them.	81 Ren B.F.
1903	We have about 20 Italian prisoners, we would like to know what to do with them.	3/39 B.F.
1915	7 JU 88's flew over G.P. looked like there target was in the vicinity of Corps artillery. Anti-aircraft fire is believed to have brought down 3, one plane blew up in the air, before he could jettison his bombs, no bombs were dropped in our area	
1917	One JU 88 brought down in our area, completely damaged. Two young prisoners that parachuted to safety, were brought in for interrogation at out G.P.	68th B.F.
1919	Send prisoners to rear on ration and ammunition trucks	B.F. 3/39

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- 0625 Enemy battery position 385-638 this information comes from same source as previous message, report battery dug in 3/13 B.F.
- 0633 Notify 2/1 that 899 T.D. has cleared the gap in the mine-field and it O.K. and is alright for him to move his unit. 899T.D. B.F.
- 0700 Enemy out post line generally Y-4465 to Y-4764 Machine gun fire received from this line. 40 enemy observed at Y-4664 one tank at Y-4863 mortar falling at Y-4766 enemy artillery firing from Y-4063 81 Ron. B.F.
- 0733 In regards to last message was that the large or small one 68thFA B.F.
- 0740 Our C.P. had a lone ME drop one large bomb in the area of our Hq. Ron H/T killing Pvt. Dunn, Lt. Green and Pvt. Johnson were wounded by bomb fragments.
- 1415 Crosby speaking, orders from Benson was to have my outfit go into assembly area in your vicinity. 3/13 B.F.
- 1425 I have an important message for you from Corps. Where can I reach you, cannot transmit on radio. Alamo Williams
- 1430 You can reach me at the 115 Km sign, a white house on the right and a burned up plane on the left. Alamo Williams
- 1432 I think it advisable to have Crosby alert his 3 companies as I would like to have my whole team in the game before dark. Alamo Williams
- 1425 I think I just recv'd a ren report that the high point to the east was knocked out, our men are proceeding dismounted. Williams Alamo
- 1425 What was the objective Alamo Williams
- 1426 I didn't give the objective, the Objective was made by Div. Williams Alamo
- 1500 Can you get Douman (16th) to come up here and clean mine field would like to have about 4 paths thru the fields, we have but one path now. Alamo Williams
- 1501 Have already informed Douman about 1/2 hour ago. Will send him up to join you. Williams Alamo
- 1510 Enemy battery at Y-383655 and Y-405655 is it safe to fire artillery with observed fire. Williams 2/1
- 1523 Gen McCreary (English General 8th Army) visited C.P. at 1523
- 1529 Jake I need some help up here in the way of infantry we have time to do some things before dark, want to make sure, so pass in on to Ringsak. Alamo Williams.
- 1535 It is safe to fire mission with observer do you have an observer. 2/1 Williams
- 1533 Yes we have an observer, we will let you know when we will fire Will 2/1
- 1541 Enemy guns at Y-4063 freindly artillery is falling 100 yds to the left, have them shift. 81Ron B.F.
- 1604 Cannot move any further until A/T guns are located rush Ron to east ahead of us. 2/1 B.F.
- 1610 I've been informed that artillery is falling on friendly troops 2/1 B.F.
- 1614 Is Lt Apple there or can you reach him B.F. 81 Ron.
- 1615 He is not here I will try and notify the outfit he is with and see if I can get him 81Ron B.F.

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1619	Talbot states that cannot move any further until AT guns are out. Send Ron east and help silence guns. See if you can help Talbot	81 R	W
1604	Rifle and machine gun fire received by forward elements indicate infantry supporting arty. Only communication is by runner. Re-organization slow because of shell fire.	3/39	BF
1620	Have Ringak meet me at 115K marker.		Benson Williams
1622	Starting Kim off at once, coming in back way.		Williams Benson
1636	Our ron. has been sent to the east. They have established CP and are trying to locate and capture AT guns. CO will be there shortly to talk to you.	2/1	BF
1630	Send Medics and evacuation detail forward, have several casualties east of mine field.	2/1	BF
	2 Corps reported in message that there was traffic in both directions on the GAFSA - GABES road from Y-4064 to the east.		
1235	One enemy tank at Y-4265 this tank fires and then rolls down hill for protection; 4 enemy trucks going south at Y-4263 at 1150.	81 Ron	BF
1235	Two ME 109s dove on our newly located CP dropping two bombs. one bomb a huge 500 or 1000 pounder dropped approximately 35 yds from the S-3 H/T but didn't go off (anxious moments but no casualties).		
1248	1 enemy tank vicinity of wadi Y-4265 mounting 47mm gun. Enemy tanks in vicinity of Y-4363 firing on our tanks.	81 Ron	BF
1308	We are very anxious to receive information regarding friendly infantry positions.	81 Ron	BF
1319	This command will withdraw during darkness 1/2 April to positions vicinity KODAR Y-2970. You will occupy positions in vicinity --? During the afternoon ron will be instituted and non-essential vehicles will be moved by infiltration to new positions. Route will be covered road, near MCHSLAT. Order of march 2/6, 2/13, 2/1, arrival in new area will be promptly reported to CP. Non-essential vehicles may be returned to their bivouac.		2/1 3/13 2/6 BF
1455	Two guns firing from Y-4668 request artillery fire be placed in that area; these guns are constantly causing trouble.	81 Ron	BF
1503	Undetermined number of guns at Y-4668 one gun and 2 tanks were seen at Y-4647.	81 Ron	BF
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0723	Warn all personnel not rpt not to touch yellow winged butterfly bombs; these are approximately 3 inches in diameter and 3 inches long. Should be destroyed in place from cover by rifle fire or ring with sand bags and destroyed with TNT. Bomb contains five second delay clock mechanism fuse, which may start from slight traffic vibrations. Deadly to twenty five yds and dangerous to 150 yds.	81 Ron	BF
0730	Request location of your CP.	81 Ron	BF
0916	After Crosby has completely taken over you can withdraw, but stay east of minefields, do not withdraw west of minefields.	Gowell	Talbot
0933	One Mark 4 tank at Y-4163 2 Mark 4 at Y-4063 also 2 H/T vehicles with enemy infantry and an CP is also there. Our artillery has range now; tell them not to lower it.	81 Ron	BF
0934	Enemy gun position at Y-4162	81 Ron	BF

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0950	12 JU 88s with our CP as the target dropped bombs in two waves, damaging vehicles and inflicting severe casualties. The dead were Capt Ansen and Gen Daleys jeep driver. The Alamo was damaged along with two members of the crew, Sgt Good and Pvt Bowinski. The bombs dropped were "butterfly" bombs and the total casualties were 18 injured.		
1115	12 tanks mentioned in message 1009 disappeared in wadi about Y-385648. Movement of small vehicles observed at Y-4564.	81 Ron	BF
1120	Forward elements reported at Y.H.Y.S.R.D.H at 1115 are now at Y - H M R E	81 Ron	BF
1114	Men seen leaving gun position at Y-4063 when our artillery landed there, observed at 1114.	81 Ron	BF
1115	4 unidentified vehicles hit and set on fire by our artillery at Y-4063.	81 Ron	BF
1135	Request information as to who is on our left flank.	81 Ron	BF
1138	More enemy tanks dug in at Y-4263 one has been firing at friendly vehicles.	81 Ron	BF
1235	Advance CP now located at Y-383678	Benson	W
?	We have just met a col from big unit on our left. He tells us 2 Bns of German infantry moved up last night to drive us from the ground secured yesterday. This report has not been verified. We are passing it on for its value alone. Do you have information as to the picture?	3/39	BF
0803	Our advance held up by enemy fire at the pass through obstacle. We are moving via another route.	3/13	BF
0625	Enemy battery position 385638. This information comes from same source as previous message, report dug in.	3/39	BF
0645	Fincher organization is being fired upon as it goes thru gap from right side; same position used yesterday.	3/13	BF
0813	Request two ambulances be sent to road marker 117K.	81 Ron	BF
0650	Unable to contact CO 6 Armored until daylight. This Bn deployed 400 yds left of GABES highway advancing on high ground to the east. Ringsak will contact me shortly to coordinate the attack.	Keilley	BF
0655	Our advance held up by organization preceding us, doubt if they can get thru without losses unless they have smoke screen.	3/13	BF
0907	5 trucks seen at Y-4064 with infantry dismounting and moving west thru the foothills.	81 Ron	BF
0905	Activity on top of hill at about Y-3963 small vehicles and men moving around.	81 Ron	BF
0911	Our artillery falling about 500 yds short of target vicinity of Y-4465.	81 Ron	BF
0908	4 large vehicles moving southwest of road at Y-405643 at 0858.	81 Ron	BF
0915	Talbot requests to pull one unit out at this time for maintenance so that they can be ready to roll as soon as possible. Crosby is here now to take over from us. I have talked to him and he is moving here now.	Talbot	BF
1523	In contact with unit on the right.	899 TD	BF

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- 1540 Artillery is placing air bursts over 400-660 where they believe big enemy gun is located. One officer and one squad is moving to contact 16th Inf G.P. of Co R at 366685 2/1 BF
- 1555 CP of 33rd FA at 365683 reports they have observed no tanks or infantry to their front. I saw one small enemy vehicle at 409 642, patrols are now moving up radius SA attraction from 370580 to work to road. 81 Ron BF
- 1610 Major Gunn has orders from his Div to withdraw and he is complying. Request my Bn go in astride the road where they pull out. The 39th Inf Bn is now four-tenths of a mile further east than sign marker 117K. 2/6 BF

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- 0840 Forward elements of Ron at Y-362630 under heavy arty fire. Small arms fire to my right. I am in contact with a similar unit 894 TD and a walking unit. 899 TD BF
- 0858 8th Army will signal one GH repeated to 2 Corps when ready to draw from GAFSA dump. On receipt of a signal from 2 Corps, units along the GAFSA - GABES road will display STARS AND STRIPES or improvised flags made by tying handkerchiefs on sticks. 2 Corps FM will coordinate MP posts to aid in passage of their convoys 8th Army administrative vehicles will fly the Union Jack. 2 Corps BF

0858 CP now at 332692 3/13 BF

- 1327 Patrol battle between 0853 till 1023. Heavy traffic north on road, one track dirt Y-4372, slight flak at Y-3659, smoke puffs at Y05672. 12 AS BF
- 1500 To LCU and G-3 Benson Force. Revoke my orders for movement of TD. Reconnoiter, but do not move guns. ACK. BF 2/6

1515 CP Co "C" 81 Ron now at W-370685. 81 Ron BF

1558 Forward elements of "A" reached Y-4167. 81 Ron BF

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0140 One battery 65 FA will be relieved from attachment your command at dark April 4 and will be attached to 3/26 Inf. Officer from battery selected for attachment to 3/26 Inf will contact CO 3/26 Inf for march orders prior to 1500 4 April. 2 Corps BF

0814 A Ron peep reported knocked out by machine gun fire and hand grenades at Y-385674. 2/6 BF

0830 We fired upon enemy battery at 418606 FO #3 reports battery definitely neutralized and we can continue to neutralize it when ever necessary, caliber believed to 140mm, no of rounds expended 250. 68 FA BF

1015 On next trip past Speedy FW pick up James R Sawyer, and send him to this Hq. BF CO Tns

1102 Bomb line is Y-4881 - Y-4364. Air Sup BF

1040 Our forward elements receiving fire from enemy battery, located at Y-386-644 with enemy observer standing behind position directing fire. Request artillery fire on this enemy gun position. 81 Ron BF

1132 Disregard bomb line ~~at 418606~~ in area of to Sheep Fish endangering lines of friendly troops. 12 AS BF

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1257	Bomb line is Y-359618 to Y-370630 to Y-380639	12 AS	BF
1467	Will you check again on the troops at Y-404625. We have some people who can get them out of here. If they are enemy, our observer believes them to be enemy, he has good reasons to believe so. 12 vehicles with 8 large and small stationary vehicles heading NE and SE.	81 Ren	BF
1330	Reference your message of 1015 4 April James R. Sawyer was released to Pfc Safasck of lat A.D. at 1510 9 April. By Speedy PW.	CO Tns	BF
1400	Enemy artillery fire coming from 470655.	81 Ren	BF
1330	2 enemy vehicles observed at Y-470655, type unknown, enemy infantry dug in at Y-4066.	81 Ren	BF
1636	If the CO or the executive officer of this unit is at your HQ or if you have knowledge as to where to contact them, have them report to this CP at once.	81 Ren	BF
1217	Receiving artillery and fire from one tank. Jump off will be one hour late. One officer killed, are there any further instructions?	2/6	BF
1850	Mission completed; have moved 150 yds from road; have received machine gun fire from other side of road; right rear.	2/6	BF
2245	6 speaking, mission has been accomplished, orders for night have been completed.	2/6	BF
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0023	Bomb line is (0-7418) (0-7413) (0-8119) (0-8002) and T-7596.	12 AS	BF
1010	13 enemy tanks at Y-346635 with gunsto NE appear to be M6's. GM is at Y-346665.	81 Ren	BF
1237	At 1200 Reckless CP reported observing 30 enemy tanks and other stuff vicinity of Y-3661. Same CP earlier today reported 13 enemy Tanks at approximately the same position.	894 TD	BF
1245	All tanks usable are well dispersed and are in the vicinity of 3361-3561-3363-3563 another Stuka on ground at 3661	81 Ren	BF
1610	10 Bns have data to fire, 3 are already on missions. Will report when rest are playing. Observers should reach Hoy's position within 2 hrs.	Commer	BF
1320	At 1315 hrs Regal 2 reports their CP observed 70 enemy tanks in the vicinity Y-3659 - Y-3861.	894 TD	BF
1620	Observer with Hoy can now see Lemons tank column. He is adjusting. will let you have results as soon as they are apparent.	Lemon	BF
1700	Do you want the thing we left behind yesterday destroyed?	9/13	BF
1726	Mission Y completed, and accomplished, sending out actual patrols for investigation; seems that trucks were the only thing there.	2/6	BF
1720	Fired on 370600 and worked 1500 yds north and 1000 yds east, expended 170 rounds. The observer with Hoy is working to a new position and is off the air.	68 FA	BF
1405	To assist recognition by ground forces. P-51 Mustang employed in combat area; will have one yellow stripe 12 inches wide on the under surface of the wing midway between the fuselage and wing tip. All troops in your command will be notified.	2 Corps	BF

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- 1730 Same message as above to all units Benson Force.
- 1820 Bombs on our target dispersed tanks. They are now moving NW of Y-3561 in groups of 4 to 5 tanks each, also 100 troops detaching and tank concentration report vicinity of Y-5457. request initial mission be continued as long as possible. 12 AS BF

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- 0903 Main enemy supply route extends from Y-8091 to E-7361. In event of successful operation by 8th Army, fighting French column will be directed on spur Y-07885. 2 Corps BF
- 0845 Patrol 10 located at 3767 cannot see V point 373609 are changing position to do so; will inform you what is seen. 899 TD BF

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- 0945 CP moved to new location in vicinity of Y-3566 Oral
- 1000 Elements moving forward. Oral
- 1025 At Y-4660 and 4806 there is much movement of mounted men and many vehicles, many camouflaged also 4 vehicles at 4860 moving east and in a hurry; request air observation. 81 Ron BF
- 0604 Organized defensive on high ground at 367675 to 3768 outpost patrols during day 7th April. Prepared to follow tank attack at dusk; we moved to outpost the tanks and protect supply lines. Hewitt BF
- 1216 20 unidentified vehicles in vicinity of Y-5385, unable to identify type as they are moving in all directions. 81 Ron- BF
- 1005 Send one platoon of engineers to head of Crosbys column at once. Benson Hewitt
- 1353 No 7 bomb line unchanged. 12 AS BF
- 1240 Many vehicles NE from Y-6775 on dirt road. More heavy traffic E from Y-6282 to Y-8182. Long Shirt BF
- 1304 Heavy traffic on all roads E and S of GAFSA. " " BF
- 1601 CP now located at Y-6969, forward elements made contact with the British 8th Army. Prisoners were all along the road. Most of them were tired and complained to walking too far.
- 17388 Oscar has captured 200 PW one of them a Lt Col, Request MPs be sent to take them over. 81 Ron BF
- 1752 10 enemy tanks at Y-9075, are causing our company to fall back. Request assistance to deal with them. 81 Ron BF
- 1754 Have the TDs sent to help at once. 81 Ron BF
- 1823 Hoy reports having a fight with 14 enemy tanks at 9075, request some support and some of those long barreled babies. 81 Ron BF
- 1830 14 enemy tanks at 9075 and we were wondering if the big boys were moving up in that vicinity; location of our CP is 8764. 81 R BF
- 2130 Lt Besman, one enlisted man pinned by machine gunfire from BORDJ EL HAFREY at 1530. Message sent to artillery and Ron group by Col Dickson calling attention to enemy in BORDJ EL HAFREY resulting in artillery fire and attack by T/D about 1700. Understood mission was to secure members of these officer patrols. Request information whether Maj Harper, Lt Besman, Sgt Bohn were brought in by force which attacked BORDJ EL HAFREY. 2 Corps BF

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0507	In absence of clear reports enemy situation vague as of 0400 CP report CP and air report 90% enemy traffic continuing NE at last light	2 C	BF
1000	In form arty that our forward elements are in vicinity 4565 and are under our arty fire.	81 R	BF
1055	Inform our big boys not to fire on our TDs which are to the east of them. They have already fired a few rounds at them.	81 R	BF
1100	By the enemy. (See below)	BF	2/1
1100	We are now at F 6 0 R 3 0; is hill at 380632 occupied by us or by the enemy?	2/1	BF
1100	Forward elements at Y-HLFL being momentarily held up by arty fire, but friendly. 3 groups of 50 dismounted men each at Y-4660 wearing camouflage.	81 R	BF
1102	Forward elements of Williams are at Y-HLFW	81 R	BF
1140	Inform Benson everything up to and past Y-HLFW is clean of enemy as a picked chicken.	81 R	BF
1150	Machine gun fire was heard to N. of Y-4568 forward elements are investigating.	81 R	BF
1200	Shove on ahead, make contact and keep contact.	BF	All Us
1205	Keep pushing until you are thru the pass; orders later.	BF	All Us
1220	In regards to your message, regarding the pass. We have done that already and to the east. Have seen no enemy; but we are being fired on by our own troops.	81 R	BF
1350	No 10 Bankhead from Housemaid. 100 trucks in close column now entering CHESSY Pass headed to the NE. Request immediate bombing mission.	?	BF
1353	At 1330 approximately 300 vehicles just west of E-1096 new column just turning on to GUM TREE road good distance west. Destroyed vehicles graveyard at Y-8595. Gas dump reported at Y-06471. 12 AS 10% toward NW rpt NW no rpts available. Nine air rsn believed 90th Light Division CC 15 Panzer Div doing rear guard as other elements moving NE-rpt NE. Estimate next delaying position EW rpt EW thru SFAX. Possibly but not probable enemy demonstration West thru FAID.	12 AS	BF

0640

SECRET ORDERS FROM 2 CORPS

1. Halt where you are.
2. Pull back during daylight 8 April to position along main GAFSA - GABES road W of NS line through 5865.
3. Upon arrival new location, you will send strong force through EL HAFEEY PASS Y-6374 morning 8 April to operate against and clean out enemy. 18th Inf will be operating on GUM TREE road. Will be informed of your operation.

Signed: **WPT** **WPT** **PATTON**

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- 0707 PW still on main road under our escort, moving west, please relieve them. 81 Rcn BF
- 0800 This reference radio 7 April; officer patrol vicinity BJ KL HAFFEY; Major Harper has returned, Lt Beaman still missing. Request Rcn Party endeavor to find him. Last seen at 1500 100 to 200 yds south of KL HAFFEY. 2 C BF
- 1330 Move your Bn 2/6 Inf at once to rpt to SPEITLA area. Commander to rpt to CG 1st AD on arrival send ack and expected time Bn will depart by this message. 2 C BF
- 1418 CP now located at Y-6269 81 R BF
- 1345 No change in water point. BF All Us
- 1340 KL HAFFEY BASS completely clear of enemy; road mined; but being cleared. BF 2 C
- 1430 Col Benson requests that you see him this PM at your convenience. 13 AR BF
- 1055 Vehicles broken down will have to be towed in by Maint Co. Will be until this afternoon getting in. Transmit by messenger to Capt Cowell. Signed: Barrow
- 1615 Request engineers to remove anti-personnel mines from "H" Co area. Request Chaplain be notified if some remains unknown as yet in minefield. 3/13 BF
- 1530 Our request for engineers to remove mines in your area has been turned down. It has been directed that mine detectors of Rcn Co, 13th AR, be used and mines removed by your personnel. C/CB 13 AR
- 1705 Regarding your message of 1605 hrs, Three EM Co "D" are attached to this organization equipped with three mine detectors of Rcn Co. The above will be sent to 2nd Bn, Hq 13th AR, as directed. Rcn 13 AR
- 1745 Ack your message, unit commanders meeting. 13 AR C/CB
- 1743 Unit commanders meeting at 1830. C/CB 13 AR
- 1510 Each Rcn Co has 1 mine detector per Rcn Plt. Units possessing detectors will be responsible for sweeping their own biv areas. Instructions in the use of detectors are available on call to Div Engineers. 1 AD 13 AR
- 2044 There will be an assembly of all officers of the Div at the Div CP at 1830 on 13th April. Number of vehicles transporting officers will be kept to a minimum. C/CB 13 AR
- 1345 Closed in new assembly area. Trains now enroute west. BF 2 C
- 1343 Sit on pass at Y-5374 until further orders and post same. Have Rcn rejoin its Bn. Have "D" Co rejoin you. BF 2/6
- April 9, 1943
- 0600 449 AA moved from present location to the GAFSA @ SIDI BOU ZID road.
- 1025 Arrived in new location at 1019.
- 2030 ~~1030~~ Radio station at your CP rpt CP will rpt into 1st AD command net at once. Lt Grynaok will be returned to this Hq tomorrow morning. Williams BF
- 2300 "B" Co, 16th Eng detached from C/CB and attached to C/OA. Have it alerted to move without delay. Guide enroute your CP to lead it. 1 AD BF

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? Please advise CG, C/GB that we are taking "B" Co, 16th Eng for mission and will replace by "D" 16th Eng tomorrow morning en route to assembly area near here and have them bivouac with C/GB Dewey BF

April 10, 1943

- 0723 We are closed in new position. Request permission to close station. 16 BF
- 0800 Stress all vehicular maintenance, go ahead with turning tracks, pulling motors, etc. Notice will be given from this Hq when to stop major maintenance. BF All
- 2120 3/13 closed in harbour 2045 9 tanks; 3 H/T; one SPAT plus maintenance crews still on road. 3/13 BF
- 0927 Turn over "B" Co Maint and "B" Co Med to "Mart" if he is in your area. Benson Force is dissolved. You and your crew return to this Hq located 4 mi N of SBEEMIA on south side of road. SBEEMIA-LESSOUDA rd. Tns BF
- 1050 Plt of Sup Bn trucks revert to Div control as of 1200 10th April; have them rpt to CG Div Trains vicinity of T-3573 as soon as practicable. 1 AD
- 1500 Supply Bn trucks have been released to you in accordance w/radio message 1050. BF 1 AD

April 11, 1943

- 0930 Barring unforeseen events, C/GB will remain in present location today. ~~Maximum effort will be exerted on maintenance, cleaning of arms, and personal cleanliness. Progress check will be made prior to 1800.~~ CGB 13
- 1125 Same as above. To all units.
- 1255 Billeting officers to meet Major Long at CR at T-5267 at 1500 hrs. CGB All
- 1355 All pennants flown on radio masts of this command will be cut to the prescribed size, i.e., a triangle 6 in by 6 in by 6 in. CGB All
- 1504 The regiment will remain in present bivouac area at least until tomorrow morning. 13 All

April 12, 1943

- 1450 1. All vehicles will be cleaned inside and repacked this PM
2. There will be a meeting of all officers of this regiment at 1800 this date at the tent of the regt CG. 13 All
- 2145 Possible minefield at T-5669 to north wadi at that point passable with difficulty. C/GB All

April 13, 1943

- 0800 Today and tomorrow will be utilized in an all-out effort at rehabilitation and maintenance in preparation for a long march to combat. This will include baths, shaves, laundry, interior police and repacking of vehicles and replacement of defective equipment, etc. CGB 13
- 0916 Same as above. To all Units.
- 0955 All units will police present areas for salvage material at once; in order to avoid necessity of doing so at a later date. CGB 13
- 1000 Same as above; to all units.
- 1340 Engineers attached to your command will be released to rejoin their unit. 13 Ren
- 0800 Unit field teams released. Send guide to commanding officer, Div trains, at T-3573 at 1530 this date. 1 AD 13

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1430 Reference report of vehicles by WD registration number required by letter this Hq dated 12 April 49. WD registration numbers of tanks on hand will be reported as of 13 April prior to transfer of tanks to 1st AR as directed verbally by the CG WD registration numbers of tanks transferred will be furnished this Hq. 1 AD- 13

1230 OP closed in biv at 1215 at H-8268 CCB All

1715 3rd Bn 13th AR cleared IP at 1545 3/13 13

~~2930 Entered bivouac at 2305 closed bivouac 2325 at H-8567. 3/13 13~~

April 20, 1943

0840 For remainder of day units will perform maintenance of vehicles and cleaning of arms. Troops will be given maximum amount of rest for continuation of march. C/B All

0445 OP now located at H-5004 C/CB All

0900 Reached bivouac area 0387; closed biv area 0856; One vehicle out but near by and ommaintenance will bring it in. 3/13 13

0220 Have CO 1st Bn report to Gen Harmon at OP 1st Inf Div at MUNCHAR (6-8 mi east of BEJA) at 1200 20th of April for conference regarding future use of 1st Bn. He should take billeting officer with him. Ack. C/CB 13

0340 Same as above. To ~~477/444/441~~ 1st Bn.

~~0530 3/13 crossed IP at 0340; cleared IP at 0355. 3/13 13~~

1615 Arabs will be kept out of bivouac areas; they may use the main road through the area but will be kept moving; olive trees in area will not be cut or otherwise damaged. All personnel will stay out of wheat fields. CCB 13

1720 Same as above for all units.

0953 Officers may use showers from 1200-1300 however bear in mind Gen Harmon lecture at 1330. 13 3/13

1130 Tank transportation for outside the Div are expected tomorrow. To commence arriving at CR T-5266 at dawn tomorrow. All these transporters except 6 light ones are allotted to 13th A. 6 are allotted to 776 TD. In absence of further instructions, 13th AR will have guides at CR T-5266 commencing at dawn tomorrow to conduct transporters to respective areas; 776 TD is allotted 1st 6 light transporters to arrive at CR T-5266. No expected to arrive: 4 5 light ---- 117 ha vy CCB 13
776

1755 Neckties will be worn by all personnel; tan if available. 13 All

1950 Shower baths available for all units 18 April. Same location according to the following schedule: Maint and Serv- 1100-1130. Hq and Ren 1330 to 1200. 1st Bn 0800-0900. 2nd Bn 0900-1000. 3rd Bn: 1000-1100. Officers 1300-1500. 13 All

1720 There is no 75mm ammunition available for you at 3rd Bn 13th. 3/13 Green

April 18, 1943

0725 Can you furnish this Hq with one jeep, with driver to report to S-3 13th at 1600 to be used until noon. 13 1/3

0955 For the coming march all vehicles will be marked #226; both front and rear. 13 All

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- 1150 Sand bags will immediately be removed from all 1/4 ton vehicles. The bag will be emptied and retained for future use. CCB 13
- 1300 Same message as above to all units.
- 1815 Move your six light tanks to loading area #1 and load on transporters at once. 13 Ron
- 0755 Same as previous message. To all units.
- ~~1250 Message of 0725 re: pennants is rescinded. From 16-22 April ground to ground-recognition pennants will be flown 1 at half-mast. 13 All units~~
- 1440 13th AR will leave this area morning 9th of April under command of CCB. Details will be announced later. 4 hour daily tactical training will be held 18 April as well as 16th and 17th April. 13 All units
- 1430 Each unit commander will be responsible that the area vacated by his unit is properly policed and that all gas cans, brass, etc, has been turned in. All units will draw 2 days B rations on 17th April. CCB 13
- 1435 Above sent to all units.
- 1625 Billeting parties on a basis of at least 1 off and 2 KM per Bn and each sep co will rpt to Capt Klous, CCB S-3 section at 0755 17 April. They will be prepared to remain away from their units for a period of 2 or 3 days. ACK CCB 13
- 1815 Same as above to all units
- ~~1915 Tank firing for your command has been arranged for Sunday 18 April. Only medium tanks which have not been fired will participate. Have one officer ready in your area at 0900 17th April, to be picked up by Lt Green, at that time 6 rounds HE per tank being delivered tonight for this firing. 1/13 3/13~~

April 17, 1943

- 0800 Gen Harmon will talk to all officers this regiment 1330 in Regt CP area. All officers available will be present. Uniform coveralls. ACK 13 All
- 0920 Ask message 0800 re officers meeting today. 3/13 13
- 0855 Rpt to S-3 any shortages of T/O vehicles in the Regt. Regt Hq check all vehicles with antenna for 2 pennants 6" triangular, one from the middle of the antenna and one from the top. 13 Hq Co
- 1150 There will be a conference of engineer minefield gapping, drill in the area of the 27 h FA Bn at 1800 hrs today. Attendance: Regt Bn and co commanders of tactical organizations; also plt leaders of ron units. CCB 13
- 1912 All Bn commanders will rpt to CG 1 AD at Div CP at 0800 15 Apr 13 1,2,3/13

April 15, 1943

- 0724 The meeting of Regt and Bn commanders to report to Div CP 1st AD has been postponed to 1300 April 15. CCB 13
- 0730 Same as above. To all units.
- 1030 You will furnish 4 H/T any type with driver and car commander to report to Capt Gowell at 1215 today at your CP. 13 Ron
- 1612 Complete at once marking of all vehicles per order of March 26 (AG 561 10D) and report to this CP when completed. 13 All
- 2025 All COs and Bn COs report to Hq CCB at 1000 hrs April 16th for award presentation; uniform: OD shirts with tie, slacks, leggings, sidearms, steel helmet. 13 All

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0725	From April 16-22 ground to ground recognition pennants will be flown 1 at half mast.	CCB	13
1630	Money orders now in the hands of Cos will be turned into the Chaplain at Hqs 13th A, not later than 1800 hrs. Also all out going mail at same time.	CCB	13
1710	Abova to all units.		
1720	CP now located at H-542045	13	All
1725	Rpt to Lt Col Howze this CP immediately	13	R/M/S
1836	Have officer guide pick up your tanks at tank transporter park west of GHARDAMAOU. Tank park is located just out side of town.	13	3/13
/7	1st AD cp now located at H-8961		
2020	Send officer guide to tank transporter park just west of GHARDAMAOU to pick up your lt tanks at once. Notify this Hqh when this pickup has been completed.	13	Ren
2035	Ren personnel not to exceed one peep load. The 2nd, 3rd Bns and Ren Co will accompany the CG to a conference with Gen Harmon at BEJA 21 April. They will have an opportunity to reconnoiter routes which may be used in probable future employments of their units. Party will leave CCB at 0630. ACK	CCB	13 2/13 3/13 Ren
	One liaison platoon 16th mg Bn is attached to 1st Bn 13th AR at once. Plt will establish liaison with Bn prior to 0800 21 Apr.	CCB	13
0010	13th AR closed in biv 2400	13	CCB
1048	ALL Arabs will be completely out of bivouac areas this includes passing thru bivouac areas.	CCB	All
1109	Same as above to all units.		
0955	There will be no AA firing at night while in this area.	CCB	13
1109	Same as last msg to all units.		
1020	As there are no stores, cafes or places of interest in GHARDIMAOU and further it has been reported by the town Major that (US troops) have pestered and frightened local inhabitants by knocking on doors and asking for wine. The town of GHARDIMAOU is hereby placed off limits to all troops.	CCB	13
1109	Same as above; to all units.		
1207	Every 30 mi on the hour and on the half hour, every man and officer of this command will turn out and completely police their respective areas of Arabs. This order will remain in effect until further orders from this Hq.	13	All
1642	There will be a meeting of commanders down to the separate companies tonite at Hq CCB at 1900 hrs.	CCB	13
1737	Same as above; to all units.		
1537	Billeting officers will report to Capt Klous at S-3 CCB at 0520 tomorrow at 1900	CCB	13
1737	Same as above to all units		
1735	Half hourly formations for policing bivouac areas of Arabs discontinued until further notice.	13	All

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April 22, 1943

0850	To FO #3 add paragraph 3x (9) read as follows: 10 min halt every two hours (2) to begin at 1600.	13	All
1025	Suggest that you furnish one traffic control officer to rpt to Capt Gowell at 1130 hrs today for instructions.	13	2/13
1117	CCB will use route through SCOK EL ABBA, SCOK EL KHUMIS, BEVA and will not rpt will not use route CR-H-8215, H-9123	13	All
1250	Capt Barry League is hereby relieved from assigned to Hq and Hq Co 3rd Bn and transferred to Hq and H Co 13th AR vovw confirmation by Regt order to follow.	13	3/13
1500	CP moved out from present bivouac to new location NE LE REF. Arrived new area at 2000 location of our CP.		
1600	CP located at J-2948	CCB	13
2145	Ground to ground recognition signal from 23-30 April is one pennant from top of mast. While in present location no pennants will be flown. Upon moving pennants will be flown.	13	All
1817	3/13 AR crossed IP at 1708, cleared IP at 1757.	3/13	13
2145	Prisoner of war inclosure at BEVA.	CCB	13
2130	There will be a meeting at the Div CP at 0800 April 23 of all officers who made a run today. Information obtained should be on a map or overlay. Unit commanders will also attend. Meeting place G-3 Tent.	CCB	13
2255	Have 2/13, 3/13 and Ron Co send Ron party to ron routes for possible counterattacks of enemy thrust to W or SW from line J-3660, J-3772. This line at present is covered covered by 91st Ron Bn. Route to above area will most probably be through pass at J-3250 J-3053. British report mines in area J-548298 J-558295. No knowledge of any other mines in this area. Contact 81st Ron Bn vicinity J-5430 and 91st Ron Bn J-6727 for additional information. C/16 will also have ron party in this area with mine detectors.	CCB	13
0030	Arrived at bivouac area at 2325 hrs 4-22-43. 5 vehicles out on road for maintenance. CP J-3147.	3/13	13
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0150	Column closed at 0150	Lt Burnaugh	CCB
0815	Rpt locations of Ron of 2/13, 3/13	CCB	13
0906	Ron Co CP at J-3146; 2/13 CP at J-2945; 3/13 at J-3147	13	CCB
0900	Request permission to test fire 1 or 2 rounds of HE A/T by one assault gun of this Bn at Mk 6 wrecked east of this area.	3/13	13
0735	Unit camouflage officers report to S-2 CCB 11--	CCB	13
1200	Unit and separate organization commanders will meet at this CP 1900, 23 April	CCB	13
0130	All thin skinned vehicles will have sand bags on the floor before moving out on any mission.	13-	All
1300	Unit air officers will submit to this Hq info on air activity immediately planes are sighted. Info should be specific as to number, time, approximate altitude. This information is particularly desired when active operations begin.	13	All

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- 1000 Col Rose just telephoned saying 1st Bn, 13th AR, released to Regt. to be brought back as soon as possible for rest and refitting. You are to be notified of above at once and your to call Col Rose when you rec this infol Col Rose directed that immediate action be taken on bringing 1st Bn back. Lt Green has gone to 1st Bn to accomplish this. Gowell Co
- 1015 1st A^U has released you to Regt. You are to bring 1st Bn back to area to be shown your billeting party by Lt Green. This move to be made at once. 13 1/13
- 1230 Only necessary combat maintenance and liaison vehicles will be taken with combat units an execution of situation A or B. Combat trains will consist only of gas and ammo. Trucks; kitchen and baggage, with field trains. GP vehicles will be cut to minimum and excess go with field trains. All units report by type at once; number of vehicles which will be with combat unit and those which will be with trains. COB 13
- 1450 Same as above; to 2/13 and Ren.
- 1500 7 shrapnel mines located vicinity J-3055 there may be others in this area. Warn all personnel. COB 19
- 1720 Same as above sent to all units.
- 1400 Send billeting officers from each bn and sep co to rpt to G-3 ast AD w/out delay. 1st AD located at J-2755. ACK COB 13
- 1407 Same as above sent to all units.
- 1335 Maximum effort will be exerted today to have all men shave and shave as this may be the last opportunity for some time. COB 13
- 1530 Same as above sent to all units.

April 26, 1943

- 0911 The platoon of "C" Co, 16th Engrs, attached to 1st Bn 16th are released to their company. Have engr plt ldr contact his engr co GO for disposition of plt. 13 1/13
- 0745 Your regt is alerted to be prepared to move on following notice:

ONE HOUR	THREE HOURS
Regt Co	Maint Co
2/13	Hq Co
3/13 (notified)	

COB 13
- 1110 Meeting of all unit commanders including Bn and sep cos of 13th AR at this Hq COB, at 1830 hrs, 26 April 1943. COB 13
- 1312 Same as above sent to all units.
- 1633 Col Benson directs that necessary orders be made relieving Capt Thomas A. Green, ASN-323567, from S-3 1st Air, 13th AR, to command Co "A", 1/13 AR. 13 AR COB
- 1858 One hour alert status is cancelled effective first light April 27. Units will be prepared to move at short notice. 13 All

April 27, 1943

- 0650 Kitchen trucks will march with units until further orders. COB 13
- 0905 Same as above to all units.
- 1030 ~~XXX~~ Poisoned wells reported area NE SEBKRET EL KOURZIA, J-7510, 26 April. Troops again warned not to drink water from other than approved sources. COB 13

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- 1435 Ground vehicles identification flag position one pennant top of mast
till 30 April will be flown. CCB 13
- 1550 Same as above 13 All
- 1507 Have guides of each Band sep. co except Serv Co. on routes to
assembly areas and as far as line XI CCB 13
- 1818 Ask your msg of 1917, 27 April. 13 CCB
- 1717 Mouse H is 202h for w column. H is 2015 for east column. D is
27 April AGK. CCB 13
- 1755 All vehicles not essential for combat will remain present area till poiked up
by train commanders. CCB 13
- 1850 Mouse H is 202h for w column
H is 2015 for E column
D is 27 April 13 All units
- 1830 In addition to message 1755, kitchen trucks may be taken along. CCB 13
- 1900 Same as above, to all units.
- 2200 CP moved from present location to new area vicinity J-4444.

APRIL 28, 1943

- 0032 CP located at J-4448 CCB 13
- 0620 Bivouac areas ar: to overcrowded vehicles will be more dispersed
each man will have slit trench. CCB 13
- Ambulance collection point at Maint Co 13th AR J-4348
- 0930 The following vehicles were evacuated by Maint Bn 1st AD:
1 LT; M3A1; W-3014088 (B Co); 1 Med Tk ~~M3A1~~; W-305-
8586 (A Co) Taylor B
- 0750 ACP located RJ 3247; closed reopens at U-4444
ASP located ~~at~~ J-4444; opens 1200 29 April 1 AD 13

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May 2, 1943

- 1620 Ref: Memo #25, Hq 1st AD, dated 24th April, 43; in rear, light line (line thru) SEDJENANE - J-2276 and CR J-3247 (inc) only Allied Force Hq dimout lights will be used on all vehicles. CCB 13
- 1690 All commanders will physically check masks, etc. for serviceability and submit requisitions at once to cover shortage and defecting equipment; also certified statement check has been made. CCB 13
- 2045 100 unidentified vehicles have been reported in vicinity of J-6360 by 1st Inf Div. Your command will be ready to move by 0500 May 3. Non-parties will not go out until further word received from this Hq. CCB 13
- 2015 Effective at once, the ~~present~~ pennant procedure of ground to ground recognition of armored vehicles and vehicles with radio masts will be abolished. CCB 13

May 3, 1943

- 0710 Be prepared for movement on one hour's notice. CCB 13
- 1153 Confirm request for air cover. CCB 13
- 1159 Co G, 16 Engrs will proceed with all possible speed to MATEUR to assist in constructing crossing at that point. Engrs will have priority on all roads to MATEUR. CCB All
- 1207- Close to 100 yds until contact which is not expected. CCB 13
- 1253 Report when head reaches each phase line. CCB All
- 1330 P-51's will be in 2nd Corps area today from 1100 - 1400 hrs; warn all personnel. CCB All
- 1320 81st Ren Bn patrol line N and E of MATEUR. Ren mission combat command "B" has been changed to cover area to east as far as high ground between CHOUIGA PASS and W E of road TIRU.

- 1840 CP now at 578729 CCB All
- 2145 CP now located at 555600 closed in bivouac 2145 hrs.
- 2030 Have guide for kitchen report to Lt Brown Hq CP at 2330 hrs CCB All
- 2035 Ambulance collecting point at U-5766 and U-3560 clearing station at U-5559 CCB All
- 2045 Submit overlay of your disposition CCB All

May 4, 1943

- 0910 MATEUR is off limits for all personnel except for official bus.
- 1230 Commencing today, May 4, each combat unit and separate organization will submit a periodic report to this Hq by 0730 hrs the following day. CCB
- 1805 Command post now at 557733. CCB All

May 5, 1943

- 2140 Msg of 1230 should read S-3 periodic reports CCB All
- 0430 All unit commanders will report to this Hq at 0630 May 5, 43. CCB All

May 6, 1943

- 0530 Capt Gowell returned to CP and took the Ren Plt. from Hq Co to OOB CP

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Gen Robinett wounded by shrapnel on afternoon of May 5, and
Col Benson has now taken command of C/GB.

- 0559 Prisoner of War, collecting point and straggler line vicinity of
J-595974 open 0600. Our main 6 May collection point J-652 now
open.
- 0600 CP now at 598780. CCB All
- 0655 81st Men has been given permission to push rapidly to RJ at B 13 R 1 as
objective. CCB All
- 0647 Enemy tanks reported moving up on reverse slope at 655835. CCB All
- 0904 We have one Bn at 4.2L 4.4 another Bn making slower progress
to objective on rt of first. Carr is on way to 7.5 L 1.0 held
by 88 guns 6.6 L 8.2 CCB
- FW captured night of 5/6 May had order for Bns issued and warned
of our attack and specified that heavy weapons were for initial
attack. A/T reserve for German Goering Div at 640825 and behind.
Covers approaches now at position. Are specified to withstand.
There is probably artillery at 662805. Reported this arty 155
cannon, not howitzer. Five guns were reported there yesterday. CCB All
- 1st Co Div Bn all on boundaries city BOU REIKI, 1 ac rifle 2
20mm AA, 2. 37mm nothing heavier. Bn sector from 193604, 805-
46, 6468. CCB

May 7, 1943

- 0955 Enemy actively suggests defense line will be 7282 - 735800 -
749777 - 725750 - 699750 CCB All
- 1030 Vicinity of Red Van 733770 is an AT gun. CCB All
- 1016 3 enemy tanks and 2 plts infantry 668828 CCB All
- 1510 In assigned bivouac, closed at 1515 hrs. Hq 13
- 1500 2 new booby traps are reported. One is in form of a chocolate bar.
Chocolate coating over a steel case and marked with the lettering
PERIS on wrapper. On unwrapping, it explodes; 7 second delay.
Other one is a 1st Aid pouch, with red cross. When it is opened,
7 second delay explosion. CCB All
- 1645 Rear echelon at Hq and combat trains now at J-5573. CCB All
- 1720 Our CP now at B 7.8 L 1.6 CCB All
- 1730 20 tks and 7 special purpose guns have been rptd at 732873 and
are covering withdrawal of over 500 enemy infantry into the hills to
the SE. CCB All
- 2210 Stand to at 0430 hrs to fight or movement. CCB All

May 8, 1943

- 0630 Map template reference holes effective immediately 12389765 CCB All
- 0808 Extend thrust line 24 units, receipt of msg signed (Time) CCB All
- Our troops definitely in TUNIS! At 2130 hrs. CCB All
- 1215 CP now at 11 L.1 CCB All
- 0950 Friendly troops 11th Hussars, report east side of Dj AINRAT at
J-9864 is clear of enemy west side unknown; 11th Hussars east
boundary generally J-99580 to J-9770 with PORTVILLE incl to 11th
Hussars caution all units to expect a wheel armored vehicles capable of
going either direction west of this direction.

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1600 of moving NE of prosecutry to NW at J-895062.

CCR All

Ammo dump and bridge blown up at PRODVILLE many enemy vehicles now streaming north from PRODVILLE.

3/13

9 May 1943

1100 Unconditional surrender by 10 Pz Div to Col Cairns. Gen Harmon calls for order to -- CEASE FIRING.

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APPENDIX #1

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS 1ST ARMORED DIVISION
APO 251, c/o Postmaster
U. S. Army

13 March 1943

OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION

No. 9 TO: Col. C. C. BENSON, 13th A.R.

1. Indications are that there may be a thrust from FAID in the direction of SBEITLA to disrupt our projected operation.

2. You will assume command of a detachment consisting of 3d Bn 13 AR; 68 FA Bn; Co A 701 TD; and Co C 16 Engr. You will move your command to the vicinity of SBEITLA with the mission of operating in conjunction with the 3rd Bn of the 47th Inf to resist enemy advance on SBEITLA, inflicting upon him maximum loss but avoiding a prolonged stand, against superior forces, which may result in the loss of a large number of your tanks. If you withdraw, you will do so on the axis SBEITLA - KASSERINE, delaying the enemy as you do.

3. a. 3rd Bn 47 Inf (with 1 btry FA attached) will come under your command in case of enemy attack, by authority CG II Corps. It is now at SBEITLA.

b. Take field and combat trains with your command.

c. Maintain liaison with Derby Yeomanry in order to get direct enemy information.

d. Col Crosby has full details regards the movement to start at dark tonight. He is making arrangements at his OP.

e. Place one radio in Div Comd Net.

/s/ Orlando Ward,
/t/ ORLANDO WARD,
Major General, U.S. Army,
Commanding.

Copy to:
CG Combat Command "B"
Col Benson
Col Crosby

SECRET

(THIS IS A TRUE COPY: 16 July, 1943)

APPENDIX #3

CONFIDENTIAL

20 March 1943

C. O. FLANK FORCE:

C. G. II Corps directs that you have dual mission of protecting north flank from enemy threats from direction of SEPTIMA or from the east of your new position.

(Rec'd 2015)

C. G. 1st Armd Div

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(Time signed)

APPENDIX #3

This is your big chance.

April 7 - 43
0915

Col C. C. Benson:

8th Army has 150 tanks through German line. They will move NW. There are 30 German tanks opposing them; you will move your whole command eastward, attack and destroy enemy columns and seek to cut his axis of withdrawal.

You must act --- aggressively.

PATTON
(sgd) GSP Jr

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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8 May 73

HEADQUARTERS FIRST BATTALION TWENTY-NINTH ARMORED REGIMENT
Office of the Battalion Commander

Radio 13th Infantry

in the field
20 May 1943

SUBJECT: Action of the 1st Bn, 13 AR, on May 8, 1943, vicinity BIZERTE

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division

In the late afternoon, May 7, the 1st Bn, 13 AR, was in position on the high ground about three miles south of FERRYVILLE where they had been obliged to halt their pursuit to refuel and replenish ammunition. Through these positions the Third Battalion, 1st Armored Regiment, launched an attack against the enemy who was withdrawing through SIDI MEDJOUR, a point which was attained before darkness thus securing the crossing of QUED MALLAHA. Orders received from the C.O., CC "A", 1st A.D. that night were that an attack would be launched from SIDI MEDJOUR due east along the high ground south of LAC DE BIZERTE at dawn. The Third Battalion, 1st AR was to lead the attack followed by the Third Battalion, 6th Infantry with the First Battalion, 13 AR following closely. The mission of the entire combat command - continuation of the pursuit and destruction of enemy forces in our path. The leading Battalion was to secure as their first objective a road junction about five miles south of EL AZIB. The First Battalion was to follow the attack to this point and then turn north with the initial objective of cutting the BIZERTE - TUNIS road in the vicinity of EL AZIB.

By 0800 hours, the 8th of May, it became obvious that the attack of the Third Battalion was meeting stiff resistance. Consequently the First Battalion moved out with all possible speed with the intention of by-passing, along the shore of LAC DE BIZERTE, the action then occurring on the high ground to the south. To accomplish this it was necessary to first by-pass the 6th Infantry which was then on the road, the bottleneck being the crossing of QUED MALLAHA at SIDI MEDJOUR which was under heavy artillery fire from batteries on the high ground west of MENEEL DJEMIL. This done, however, the Battalion immediately came under heavy artillery fire both direct and indirect. It was immediately deployed in an approach formation on the low ground bordering LAC DE BIZERTE. After an advance of a mile in this formation it became necessary to take up an attack formation with one light Company, one platoon of Mediums attached, a platoon of M-10, T.D.s was given the mission of protecting the right flank and assisting the advance of the 3d Battalion, 1st A.R. by flanking fire on located enemy positions on high ground to the south. The fire fight progressed slowly to a point roughly due north of Hill 350 which extended out toward LAC DE BIZERTE forming a natural bottleneck. At this point fire was received from 88mm anti-tank guns and enemy tanks deployed on the high ridge about 2500 yards east of this bottleneck. The leading light Company was ordered, less the Medium platoon, to take up positions close to the lake and in defilade from enemy A.T. guns which they could not engage because of the range. The other Medium platoon was brought up as were the T.D.s and the combined force of medium tanks and TDs were ordered to engage any enemy tanks or anti-tank guns which could be located. New enemy guns located at the east base of Hill 350 were quickly brought under fire. The combined fire of the two Battalions supported by the 91st Field Artillery Battalion enabled the 3d Battalion to make a substantial advance around the north side of Hill 350. Here it was forced to halt because of lack of ammunition. By this time early afternoon had arrived and the objective of the 1st Battalion had not been reached. After a discussion with the Commanding Officer, CC A, it was decided to launch an attack with the two light Companies on EL AZIB. The Medium tanks and T.D.s which were left were to stage a demonstration with their remaining ammunition and attempt to cover known enemy gun positions with fire. The reserve light company was brought up. Instructions were issued to the two companies to drive like hell, pray, and rally in a wooded area

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a mile south of EL. The two light companies broke out of defilade and rolled across the three mile stretch at a speed of 25 to 30 miles an hour. Although a wadi was encountered in the middle and enemy anti-tank and tank fire was heavier than anything ever encountered before the attack reached its objective with the loss of but six tanks. The deciding factor undoubtedly being the surprising speed of the light tanks, and the audacity of a maneuver which would launch an attack across the front of a strong A.T. gun position, against another enemy position of unknown strength, with the ridge east of the bottleneck strongly held the plain all the way to the lake could be controlled, so the enemy thought. The First Battalion and a troop of the 91st Reconnaissance Battalion which accompanied them quickly reorganized after dealing with enemy action in the vicinity of the rally point. Two platoons of tanks in the troop of the 91st were ordered north to cut the road out of MENZEL DJEMIL and seize the high ground along the coast east of this town. The remaining tanks, one platoon, were sent south toward the German positions on the ridge to guard against an attack from that direction as well as mop up enemy positions encountered. All these missions were accomplished and by darkness the troop from the 91st had been obliged to set up a prisoner of war stockade and a call for infantry was sent out. MENZEL DJEMIL area, cut off, was easily subdued early the next morning as a result of a tank infantry drive and the pursuit continued east along the coast.

F.F. CAIGR
Lt. Col., U.S. Army
Commanding

ATTACK ON HILL 485

CO. "G", 6th ARMORED INFANTRY

(Written by Capt. William W. Harvey Jr.)

On April 22, the 3rd Bn, 6th Arm'd Inf was given the mission of taking a series of hills NE of BEZA.

In the order issued by the Bn Comdr on the evening of April 22, G and H Co's were given the mission of taking Hill 526, and after that hill was secured G Co was to proceed to Hill 485.

On the morning of the 22nd the 3rd Bn moved into bivouac about three miles behind the Line of Departure. The line of departure being the positions then held by the 1st Bn of this regiment.

Even before the Bn order was issued formally, the Co's knew generally what their jobs were to be, so the day of April 22 was used in making necessary preparations.

In the afternoon the Co officers of G Co drove up to the positions held by the 1st Bn to look at the ground over which the attack was to be made. After a careful study of the ground, and obtaining as much information as possible from officers of the 1st Bn, the officers returned to their bivouac area.

Meanwhile the 1st Sgt and Platoon Sgts were busy preparing the Co for a dismounted operation. Weapons were checked, ammunition issued, packs filled and fitted, and the Co "peep" loaded with rations, water, and extra ammunition. It was planned that in the evening the "peep" would move forward to bring food and water to the Co positions.

At about 2100 hrs on the night of the 22nd the Co marched by vehicle to the assembly area several hundred yards in rear of the Line of Departure. There the Co dismounted and the vehicles were taken back to the bivouac area. The Co took its proper place in the assembly area and the men were told to rest as much as possible before the attack.

The Co strength at this time was 5 Officers and 170 men. After the vehicles, drivers, maintenance section, kitchen personnel, and sergeants left in the rear were subtracted it left the Co with a fighting strength of 4 Officers and 131 men.

At 0230 hrs April 23, the Co Comdr of G Co reported to his Bn Comdr to receive any changes in orders or additional instructions necessary for carrying out the attack.

At 0330 hrs April 23, the attack jumped off. The Bn formation was G and H Co's on a line (G Co on right), I Co in reserve, M Co platoon in support of the leading Co's and other heavy weapons in general support.

The attack formation for G Co was a Co wedge with the 2nd Platoon pointing the wedge and the 1st and 3rd Platoons on a line about 200 yards to the rear.

The 3rd Bn moved through the positions held by the 1st Bn and took its first objective Hill 386, without opposition. After H Co was in position on Hill 386, G Co was ordered to continue its attack on Hill 483.

Soon after daylight, April 29, the attack was begun. After a reconnaissance by the Co Comdr, a combat patrol of one squad from the 2nd Platoon was sent out, the Co plan of attack was formed, and the Co Comdr issued his order.

Before the Co could get to a position where it could actually start the attack, it was necessary to move forward through a short but deep wadi to the small valley between hills 386 and 483.

About half an hour after the patrol was sent out the 1st Platoon with a strength of about 40 men was sent through the wadi to take positions near the mouth of the wadi to secure the exit so the Co could move through. Though the patrol moving through the wadi drew no fire, the 1st Platoon came under considerable mortar fire and light small arms fire as it was going into position. The platoon managed to get into position and dig in, but they lost 7 men, including the Platoon Leader doing it.

Another small patrol (one-half squad) was then sent out by the 1st platoon in an effort to find the mortar position and other enemy positions. About two hours later the patrol returned. They had found the location of one of the mortars and several machine guns. This information was obtained at the cost of two killed, and two wounded in the patrol.

Artillery fire was requested and while the artillery was firing on the enemy positions, the 2nd and 3rd Platoons were brought through the wadi and across the flat to the foot of Hill 483. The 1st Platoon remained in position to cover the 2nd and 3rd Platoons as they moved up the hill. After reorganizing, the 2nd and 3rd Platoons began their attack up the hill. Mortar and machine gun fire again stopped the attack. About this time a mortar shell hit in the Co CP, wounding the 1st Sgt, two runners, and tearing up the Co radio.

The platoons were ordered to infiltrate up the hill. There were casualties suffered, but the platoons did finally reach the reverse slope of the hill just below the crest. There, the scouts of the 3rd Platoon discovered an extensive field of anti-personnel mines. The minefield had to be cleared before the Co could move forward.

As darkness was approaching the 2nd and 3rd Platoons took hasty positions on the reverse slope of the Hill (Sketch No. 1). A runner was sent back to bring up the 1st Platoon. The platoon was brought forward under cover of darkness. A runner was also sent to the Bn CP with a message explaining the Co's situation, the discovery of the minefield, and requesting a new radio for communication with Bn.

As soon as temporary defensive positions had been set up, the platoon leaders began the job of reorganizing their platoons. After a close check it was found that during the day the Co had suffered 52 casualties. In that number was included 1 Officer, the 1st Sgt., 3 Platoon Sgts, 7 Sgts, Squad leaders, and 2 Corporals. Also the machine gun squad of the 1st Platoon had lost all but one man.

About 2300 hours the runner from Bn returned with a radio and a section of the Bn machine gun platoon that the Bn Comdr had attached to G Co to aid in holding

its position.

About midnight the Supply Sgt brought food, water, and ammunition up to the Co positions. He was unable to bring his "peep" all the way but a group detailed from the Co aided in carrying rations, water, and ammunition up the hill to the Co.

Throughout the night the Co was harassed by intermittent artillery and M G fire. Two casualties were suffered during the night.

Soon after daylight on the morning of the 24th, the minefield was removed by a squad from the 2nd platoon, patrols were sent out to feel out the enemy positions, and the Co officers made a thorough reconnaissance in an effort to determine the best method of reaching the top of the hill. From observation and fire drawn from the position on the previous day the Co Comdr estimated the enemy strength on Hill 485 to be one platoon of infantry with supporting weapons.

The Co Comdr decided that the only approach that would screen the Co from fire from Hill 481, on its left flank, and still not walk straight into the position from the front was to attack from the side.

The Co Comdr issued the order for a right hook, using the 2nd and 3rd platoons in the assault, the 1st Platoon as covering platoon, and the machine gun section for flank protection.

The Co strength (including the MG section of 12 men) was 3 officers and 90 men. The platoons were reorganized so each had about 25 men.

The attack against the hill was continued at 1300 hours on the 24th. Due to excellent support from the artillery and the Bn mortar platoon, the 2nd platoon was able to reach the top of the hill after clearing a path through another anti-personnel mine field, which was located to the right of the enemy position. The 3rd Platoon was near the top (Sketch No. 2).

Because of very heavy mortar and machine gun fire from several of the surrounding hills the platoons were finally forced to withdraw to their former positions on the reverse slope of the hill. That attack was not altogether unsuccessful however in that it forced the enemy to disclose his positions so much that our artillery was able to spot them. For the remainder of the day and most of the night of the 24th artillery constantly fell on the enemy positions.

Casualties in that attack were 13, almost all of which were from the 2nd Platoon.

The night of the 24th was again spent on the reverse slope of Hill 485.

Patrols were sent out just after dawn of April 25th. They drew very little fire. Later in the morning Co I attacked hill 481. With pressure released from that flank, Co hastily organized and attacked 485 again. This time from the left, using the 1st and 3rd Platoons (combined about 40 men) in the assault, and the 2nd Platoon (15 men) covering. This attack was successful. The only casualties were two men wounded by anti-personnel mines. The enemy was forced to withdraw leaving much equipment and a number of dead upon the hill. (Sketch No. 3).

After the 1st and 3rd Platoons had secured the hill the 2nd platoon was

brought forward and the Co dug in to hold.

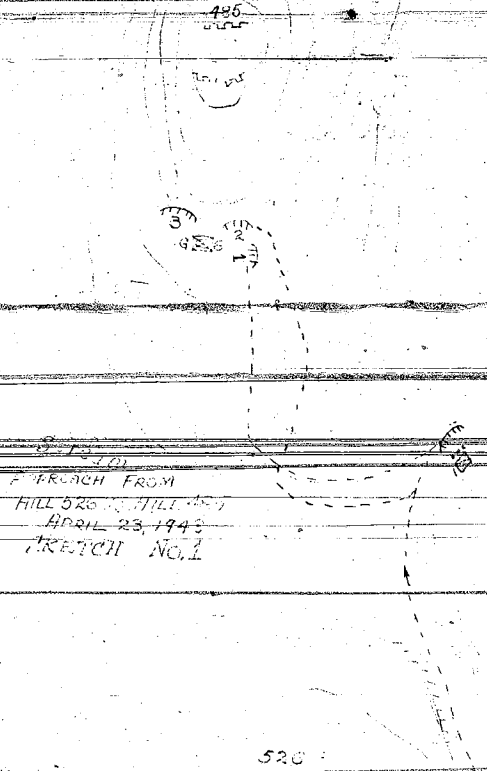
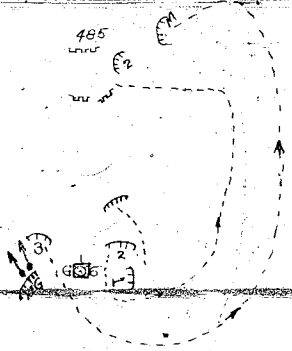
Casualties for the three days totaled 49, of which only 6 were deaths, and many of the injuries were minor.

Enemy losses were also high due in a large part to accurate artillery and mortar fire.

After we had taken Hill 485 the enemy withdrew several miles to their rear and made it pretty rough for us a few days later.

Capt. William W. Harvey

CAPT. WILLIAM W. HARVEY

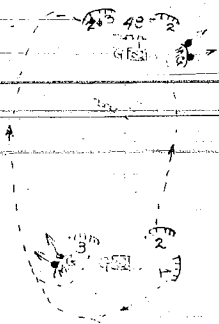


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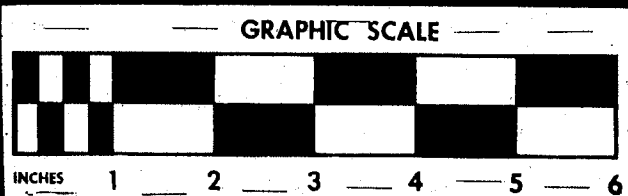
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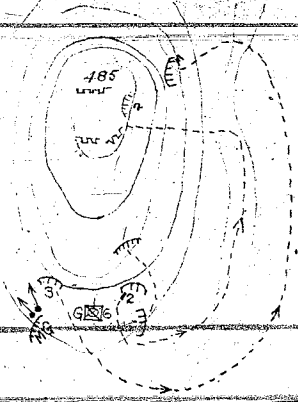


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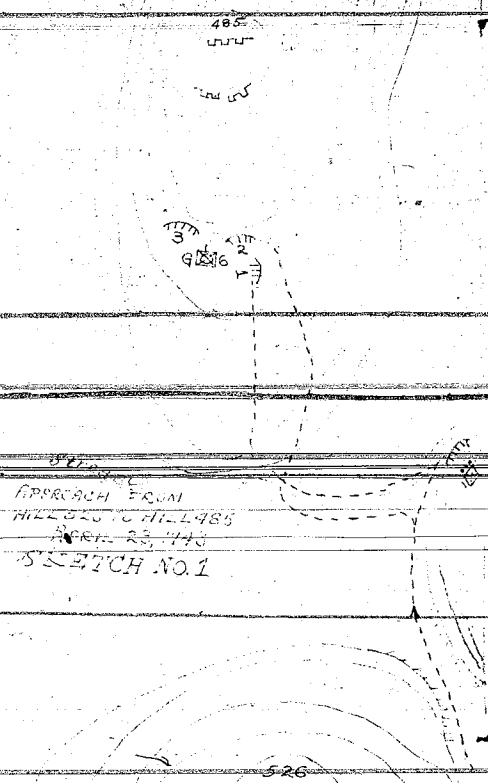
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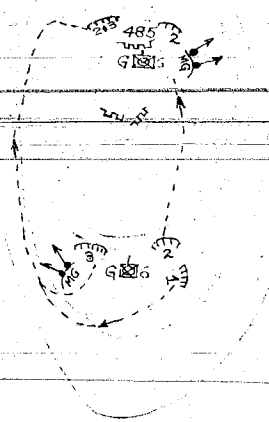




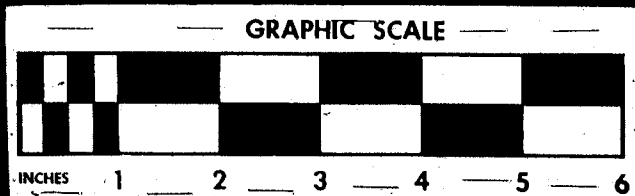
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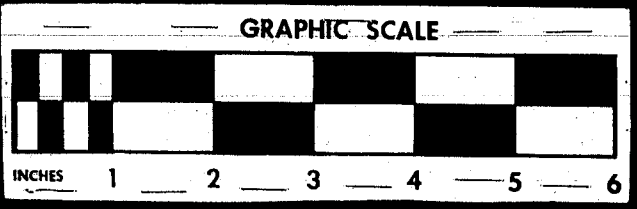
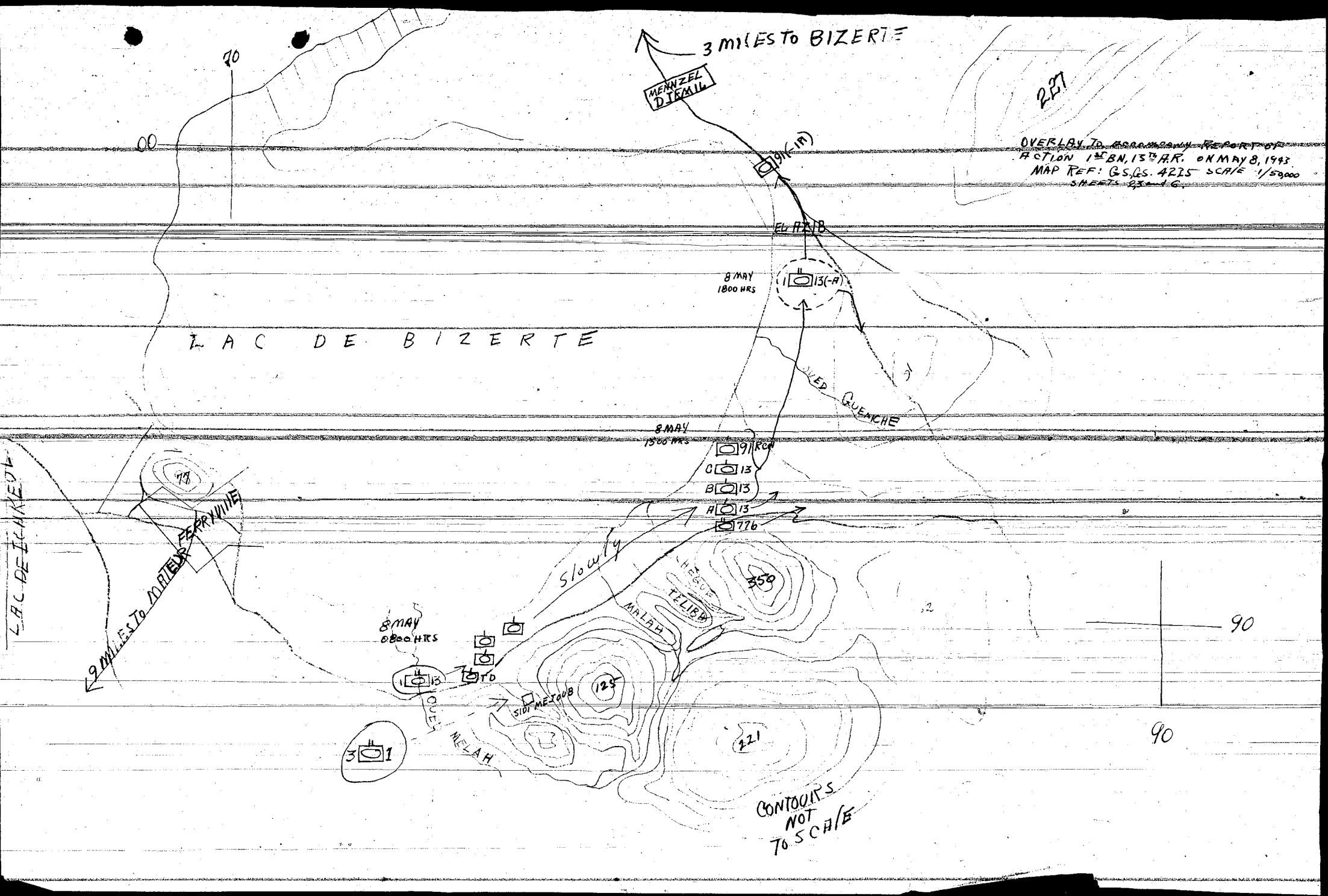


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ATTACK OF APRIL 25
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Office of the Regimental Commander

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In the Field
21 November 1943

SUBJECT: Report of Activities

TO : G. G., 1st U. S. Armored Division.

1. In compliance with paragraph 5, Subject Letter, Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, Headquarters 1st A.D., dated 6 November 1943, the attached report is resubmitted.

For the Regimental Commander:

George L. Menard
GEORGE L. MENARD,
Major, 13th A.R.,
Assistant S-3.

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMORED DIVISION, APO 251, U.S. Army, 24 November 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464, U.S. Army.

Forwarded.

For the Commanding General:

W. L. Schmidt
W. L. SCHMIDT,
Major, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH ARMORED REGIMENT
Office of the Regimental Commander

At the Field
9 November 1943.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
8 May 43 - 31 Oct 43

During the period May 11 - 22, 1943, the 13th Armored Regiment remained in bivouacs approximately 3 miles NE of MATEUR, TUNISIA. Most of this time was spent in maintenance and cleaning of vehicles in preparation for the movement to French Morocco. As part of serial #8 the regiment, less tanks and half-tracks (w/crows), marched from the MATEUR area on 23 May 1943. At the end of the first day bivouac was established at GHARDYMAOU, Tunisia. 24 May the regiment continued the march and went into bivouacs in the afternoon at ALW MELILA, Algeria. Continuing the march for the next seven days, bivouacs were established at BENI MANGOUR, Algeria, on 25 May, L'ARBA, Algeria, on 26 May, ORLEANSVILLE, Algeria on 27 May, SIDI BEL ABDES, Algeria on 28 May, QUEROIF, French Morocco, on 29 May, and MEKINES, French Morocco, on 30 May. In the early afternoon of 31 May, 1943, the Regiment arrived in its new bivouac area 12 miles SE of RABAT, French Morocco. The entire march from MATEUR, Tunisia, and GHARDYMAOU, Tunisia, to RABAT, French Morocco, weather clear and warm. The tanks and half-tracks (w/crows) remained in the MATEUR area until 29 May 1943. During this period some vehicles and equipment were transferred to the 2nd Armored Division. On 29 May the remaining vehicles were loaded on LST's at the port of BISSERIN and the convoy sailed for the port of D'HEMOURS, Algeria, landing there on 3 June. Companies "E", "F", "H" and "I" moved overland from the port to the town of OUDJA, French Morocco, while the remaining vehicles and personnel moved by rail to RABAT. Companies "E", "F" and "H" and "I" remained at OUDJA until 26 June, during which time they participated in a 5th Army demonstration for the Sultan of Morocco. On 27 June they loaded the vehicles on flat cars and moved by rail to RABAT, rejoining the regiment there in the new bivouac area. During the period 1 June 1943 to 5 August 1943 the regiment remained in the RABAT area. Training was devoted to field exercises, small unit training, range firing, and maintenance of vehicles and equipment. On 4 July the 2nd and 3rd battalions represented the regiment in a review for the Sultan of Morocco in the city of RABAT. From 3 July to 17 July the first battalion was detached from the regiment to take over the guard of the prisoner of war camp in CASABLANCA, FRENCH MOROCCO. The battalion returned to the regimental area on 17 July.

The period of August 1-5, 1943, was spent preparing vehicles and equipment for movement to a new area in the vicinity of ORAN, Algeria. On 6 August the first convoy of wheel vehicles and personnel from the regiment marched from the RABAT area, with the second and third convoys following on 7 August and 8 August, respectively. Route of march for all three convoys was RABAT, MEKINES, FES, TAZA, QUEROIF, OUDJA, TLEMSEN, SIDI BEL ABDES, and ST BARBE DU TISLAT. The march was made in two days, with all convoys establishing bivouacs at QUEROIF, French Morocco, at the end of the first day. Condition of roads, goods, weather clear and hot. The entire march was made without incident. The regiment went into bivouacs approximately 13 miles east of ST BARBE DU TISLAT, Algeria, and approximately 29 miles SE of ORAN. The half-tracks and tanks left the RABAT area on 6, 7 and 8 August. Medium tanks were moved on tank transports overland, while light tanks and half-tracks moved by rail from RABAT.

The period August 8-11 was spent in establishing camp in the new area. Weather very hot and dry. During the period 11 August to the first part of October the regiment underwent intensive training, with emphasis placed on range firing. The first part of the month of October was spent preparing vehicles and equipment for overseas shipment. Wheel vehicles were the first to be called out for loading, and these began leaving the regimental area approximately 15 October for the ports, the larger number going to the port of ORAN and a few to the port of ALGIERS. During the following week half-tracks and personnel followed the wheel vehicles to the ports of embarkation, with the tanks being the last to be loaded.

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Personnel from the Regimental Staff, Headquarters and Headquarters COMPANY; First Battalion, Maintenance, Service and Reconnaissance Companies (all less detachments) boarded SM/T "ORONTES" on 24 October at GRAN harbor. Additional personnel from the regiment boarded other ships in the port, and the convoy sailed for Italy on 25 October. The convoy reached the port of NAPLES, Italy, on 28 October, after an uneventful trip. The convoy proceeded on to the port of BAGNOLI (8 miles N of NAPLES) and troops were disembarked. After moving to an assembly area on foot, the troops loaded on trucks and moved to a new assembly area approximately 1 mile N of CAIVANO. On 30 October the Regiment moved from this area to a new assembly area approximately .4 mile E of CAIVANO.

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For the Regimental Commander:

HENRY E. GARDNER,
Lt. Col. 13th A.R.,
Executive, S-3.

OFFICIAL:

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Hq.
Rabat, French ...
4 August 1943
1800 hrs.

M. O. L. #2.

MAPS: Africa Road Map - Scale: 1/2,000,000 - Sheet 151.

1. Wheeled vehicles of this organization march to the vicinity of ST. BARBE-DU-TELLAT, ALGERIA in three (3) separate convoys, commencing 6 August, via RABAT, MEKRES, FES, TAZA, QUERCIF, OUDJA, TLEMSEN, SIDI-BEL-ABDES, ST BARBE DU TELLAT, and thereafter as directed by Movement Control.

a. Convoy #1 marches 6 August and will be composed of two (2) serials.

1. Convoy Commander - Col. Howe
2. Assistant Convoy Commander - Maj. Grandons
3. Order of March:

- 1st Serial Hq & Hq Company (Reach IP at 0430 hrs)
- 2nd Serial Maintenance Company, gas trucks, and ambulances (Reach IP at 0445 hrs)

4. Traffic control will be maintained by use of W/C under the supervision of the Convoy Commander. Hq & Hq Co will send one (1) W/C to Main Co for this purpose.

b. Convoy #2 marches 7 August.

1. Convoy Commander - Lt. Col. Carr
2. Serials and instructions to be issued by convoy commander.

c. Convoy #3 marches 8 August.

1. Convoy Commander - Lt. Col. Cairns.
2. Serials and instructions to be issued by convoy commander.

d. IP at Junction of Dix Street and U.S. 517.

e. Maximum Speeds: 15 mph thru towns, 20 mph on rough roads, 30 mph on good roads, per leading vehicle of each march unit. No vehicle will exceed 35 mph.

f. Halts: On the even hour for 10 minutes.

g. Distances: Between vehicles, 120 yds.

h. Uniforms: Coveralls and helmet liners.

i. Meals: Served from kitchen trucks in the mornings and the evenings. Noon day meals (Instructions later).

1. Miscellaneous:

1. Comply with instructions relative to breaking camp "and movement" as issued by 1st A.D. dated 1 August 1943.
2. Strict march discipline will be maintained throughout the march.

3. Compliance with circular #34, AFHQ, dated 6 July 1943, is required with special attention to the following paragraphs:

Paragraphs 2, 3a, 3b, 3d, 3f, 3g, 3j, 3k.

a. Referring to paragraph 3j - additional instructions are:

In the event that a vehicle cannot be towed to FES, ~~OUJJA~~ OUDJA, or ORAN, it will be necessary to go to either one of these places and have personnel come from there and recover the disabled vehicle. If necessary to be salvaged, a salvage receipt will be obtained for the vehicle and cargo.

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HQ 15th Avd Bde
In the Field,
21 May 1943,
1800 hrs.

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MAPS: Africa Road Map; Scale 1/300,000. Sheet 151.

1. Wheeled vehicles of 1 AR march on RABAT, French Morocco in 3 serials commencing 22 May 43, via MATEUR - NEJA - SOUK EL ARBA - SOUK AHRAS - GUELEA - CONSSA - ANTINE - SETIF - L'ARBA - ORLEANSVILLE and thereafter as directed by Movement Control.

2. March Serial #2 marches at 0800 hrs., 23 May on GHARDIMOU via MATEUR - RJ J-5589 - RJ J-4189 - OR J-2446 - NEJA - RJ J-1728 - SOUK EL KHEMIS - SOUK EL ARBA - GHARDIMOU - SOUK AHRAS. Time of departure, order of march, IP, route and destination will be announced daily for the succeeding day's march.

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MARCH TABLE

	IP	CLEAR
1. HQ 2nd March Serial	0800	0805
2. 1 AR	0810	0815
3. 1 AR	0820	0730
4. 15 AR	0735	0900
5. 27 FA Bn	0805	0825
6. 28 FA Bn	0830	0850
7. 31 FA Bn	0855	1025
8. B Co 47 Med Bn (-det)	1030	1035
9. B Co Maint Bn (-det)	1040	1055
10. Med Det	1055	1065
11. Maint Det	1065	1087

(2) IP: Used JOURNINE Bridge, East MATEUR.

(3) MAX SPEED: 15 MPH on rough country, 20 MPH on flat country, per leading vehicle each march unit. No vehicle will exceed 25 MPH.

(4) HALTS: On the even hour for 10 min.

(5) DISTANCES:

a. Between vehicles: 100 yards maximum.

b. Between march units: 2 Min.

(6) MISCELLANEOUS:

a. March units will be composed of approximately 30 vehicles. Each march unit will clearly display 1st and last vehicle signs.

b. At the Halts:

(i) Vehicles will halt ~~at~~ as far to the right as of the road as safety permits.

(ii) At least one flagman per 3 vehicles will stand on the left side of the road to assist traffic.

(iii) All other personnel will dismount and remain on right side of vehicles.

(iv) Disabled vehicles will clear the road and flag will be posted to the front and rear to assist traffic.

c. While moving:

(i) All personnel will keep all parts of the body and all individual equipment inside of the vehicle.

(ii) One man will be on the alert at rear of vehicle to assist passing traffic. ~~One man will have top of head down, personnel~~

(iii) No vehicle except a case of messengers, officers patrols and traffic control will pass moving column.

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trucks will have tops rolled up.

e. One Officer per unit will precede his column and report to Lt. Simpson at the IP 1/2 hour before their unit is scheduled to reach same.

f. Billeting parties and unit S-4's will report to Lt. Smith serial billeting officer, at the IP at H - 1/2 hour daily. Transportation will be kept to a minimum.

g. Major Brown, serial S-4, will precede the column to new bivouac daily.

4. a. UNIFORMS: Troops will wear woolen CD, neckties and helmet liners - jacket optional. Sleeves will be rolled down and shirts or jackets buttoned up.
b. AMMUNITION: No ammunition will be carried in weapons except by guard personnel.

c. REPORTS:
(1) Each unit will report when its column except stragglers has closed.

(2) Each unit will report without delay serious vehicular accidents or personnel being seriously injured.

d. Lunches will be carried.

e. Show details as directed by S-1.

5. Axis of communication; Route of March.

a. CP, 15th AR closes present location at 0750 hrs, 25 May 1943, thereafter to be announced.

b. A responsible agent messenger will march with HQ March Serial #2.

c. Radio (incl FM) silence will be maintained.

BENSON
Comd'g

OFFICIAL: /s/ Gardiner
GARDINER
Exec S-3.

DIST: 1 per company, S-2, S-3, S-4, S-5, File.

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Hq 15th AR
In the field.
1800 hrs.
29 May 1945.

FO # 4.

MAPS: GS, GS 4175, Sheets K15R SE and SW - Scale: 1/500,000.
AFRICA Road Map - Sheet 181, Scale - 1/500,000 & 1/200,000.

1. Omitted.

2. Division marches by water, rail, and overland from present assembly area to bivouac vicinity of RABAT, FRENCH MOROCCO, commencing 22 May 1945. Route for wheeled vehicles: MATZOU - RJ at JNKK (- RJ at 4150 - OJA at 3445 - BEJA - RJ at 1785 - SOUK EL KHEMIS - SOUK EL ARBA - GHARDIMAOU - SOUK ARRAS - DAVIVER - GUELMA - OUED ZERATI - LA KEROUC - OULED RAHMOUN - AIN M'ELIA - TALEGEMA - OUED SEGUIN - OUED ATHEKMI - SETIF - BOU ARREIDJ - MANSOURA DES BIBANS - BOUIRA - L'ARBA - ELIDA - APPEVILLE - ORLEANSVILLE - Thereafter as directed by U.S. Movement Control at ORLEANSVILLE.

Bivouac

1st Night - GHARDIMAOU

2nd Night - AIN M'ELIA

3rd Night - ORLEANSVILLE

4th Night - BENI MARCOUR

5th Night - L'ARBA

Thereafter as directed by U.S. Movement control at ORLEANSVILLE.

SERIAL #

Hq Q/C "B" and Hq Q/C "A" (-)

1st AR

15th AR

Army & (NY, GS, 91 FA Reg)

"B" Co Maint Bn

"B" Co 47th Med Bn

Det MP's

3. Omitted.

Serial #8, moves 23 May, under instructions of serial commander
(1) Overland daylight movement will commence at 0600 hrs daily.
(2) Distance between vehicles: 100 yds.
(3) Rate of Speed: 15 MPH.
(4) Billeting details - See billeting plan issued separately.

4. See Administrative instructions issued separately.

5. Axis of Communications: Route of march.

Radio silence including FM sets.

BENSON
Comd.

OFFICIAL:

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GOWELL
Asst S-3

DIST: One per Company, S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4, File.

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Office of the Regimental Commander

In the Field
1 December 1943

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
1 Nov 43 - 30 Nov 43

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From 1 November to 12 November, 1943, the Regiment remained in an assembly area .4 miles East of the town of CAIVANO, ITALY. During this period the remaining vehicles and personnel of the Regiment arrived in the area and rejoined their organizations. Training was devoted to tactical walks, dismounted drill, and crew and gunnery drill. On 11 November the Regiment was alerted for a move to a new assembly area in the vicinity of CAPUA, and at 1800 hours the following day Headquarters Company, of the 2nd Bn moved out for the new area, the other three companies of the Battalion following at one hour intervals. The Headquarters Company of the 3rd Bn marched at 2200 hours with the other three companies following at one (1) hour intervals. On the following day, 13 November, Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 13th A.R., marched at 1800 hours and followed at one hour intervals by the other three separate companies, and the 1st Bn began the move at 1800 hours. The 14th November was spent establishing camp in the new area approximately 5 miles north of the town of CAPUA. During the period 15 November to 30 November training was devoted to tactical walks, gunnery drill, establishing and occupation of OP's, maintenance, and instruction on mine clearance. During this period training was limited, to some extent, by heavy rains and the resultant sodden condition of the ground.

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S-4 JOURNAL -- 13TH AR

NO	TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1	0715	Left bivouac near ST BARBE du TRSLAT.		
2	0940	Arrived at dook at CRAN.		
3	1115	Boarded HM/T ORONTES.		
<u>Oct 25</u>				
1	0920	HM/T ORONTES pulled away from CRAN.		
2	1130	Boat Drill.		
3	1630	Battle Station Drill.		
<u>Oct 26</u>				
1		At sea following coast line of W. Africa.		
2	1000	Boat Drill & inspection of troops by CO 13th AR; Band played for troops at 1600 hrs.		
<u>Oct 27</u>				
1	1000	Inspection & Boat Drill.		
2	1125	Disembarkation orders - Practice Run.		
3	1900	Instructions RE: Landing Parties.		
4	1935	Issue of 'K' Rations (3 meals). Expect to disembark around 0830 hrs 28 Oct.		
<u>Oct 28</u>				
1	0925	13th AR started loading in LCI's.		
2	1015	Arrived in dook at BIGNOLI (8 mi W. of NAPLES).		
3	1210	Loaded in trucks, after walking from docks.		
4	1320	Arrived in bivouac area approx 1 mi W. of CAIVANO.		
<u>Oct 30</u>				
1	0900	Moved from last bivouac to new bivouac, 1 mi E. of CAIVANO (Time here spent in dismounted drill, map study, lessons in Italian, tactical walks, Retreat formations, gun inspections, etc., for troops until vehicles begin to arrive. S-3 E/T and few others for some Cos arrived night of 3 Nov. Tanks begin arriving.)		
<u>Oct 29</u>				
1	0930	Command Post 1st AD opened at (261628) CGSG 4229, Sheet 184, Scale 1/50,000, at 1800 hrs 28 Oct 43. Disposition of units later.	G-3/1 AD	All Units
2	1130	Units will submit G-3 periodic report to AG/S; G-3, as of and commencing at 1900 hrs, repeat 1900 hrs, this date. Reports to reach this HQ prior to 2300 hrs daily until further orders.	G-3 1 AD	All Cmbt Us
<u>Oct 30</u>				
1	1615	This organization closed in bivouac at 1100 hrs. Location of CP (260615) CGSG 4229. Sheet 184, NAPOLI, 1/50,000.	13 AR	G3, 1 AD
<u>Oct 31</u>				
1	0830	Heavy concentration friendly fighters to fly very low between 0900A to 1030A on 31 Oct 43, today. To north over NAPLES, CASERTA Road to & over the front and return via diverse path to the south. Friendly medium bombers and fighter cover w/also fly at higher altitudes. Warn all AA units and other troops not to fire at these friendly planes.	5A, 1 AD	All Us
2-	0835	For your information friendly fighters and bombers will be flying low over this area between the hrs of 0900A to 1030A 31 Oct. All personnel will be cautioned not to fire at these planes.	13 AR	All Us
3	1010	S/Sgt Dahmer (G Co) rptd to S-3 to act as vehicular guide for Div from Div Assy Area S of CAIVANO prior to 1100 hrs. He was told to rpt to Serv Co; mess w/them, and go from there.		

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NO TIME

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

Oct 31 (contd)

4 1215 All machine guns cal .50 will be manned from day-light until dark daily. Guns will be half-loaded. 1 AD All Units

Nov 2

1 1900 First heavy air raid over NAPLES since we came to this area. Lasted approx 30 min. Very heavy concentration of Ack Ack. Some flak fell around this area. 4 enemy planes were reported shot down.

Nov 5

1 1915 Another big air raid over NAPLES. Lasted about 30 minutes. Ack Ack not quite so heavy as before; less flak here.

Nov 7

1 0700 Spot summary of following days training to be submitted prior to 2300 hrs each day. It will be submitted in one copy and may be submitted on message form. Time of training will be indicated. Place of training will be indicated if outside unit bivouac area. 1 AD 13 AR

Nov 11

1 1330 Your Bns will be moving out in the near future by companies. Submit the names of the convoy commanders for each company in the Bn by 1500 hrs this date. This means that there will be a total of four convoy commanders plus Bn, Company Commanders or otherwise. CO 13 2/3 Bns

2 1850 Billeting parties from the 2nd and 3rd Bns will assemble at Regt'l Hqtrs at 0730 hrs 12 Nov. You will report to Capt Kelly at 0800 hrs that date at the Div Visitors Park with the parties. S-3 Capt Ralston

3 1850 Billeting parties will report from each bn to Capt Ralston at Regt'l Hqtrs at 0730 hrs 12 Nov. Parties will consist of an officer from each company. An additional officer and other personnel may be sent from each Bn HQ if so desired. CO 13 2/3 Bns

Nov 12

1 0956 Request permission to relieve the guard at CASCOLLA at 1300 hrs today. 3/13 CO 13

2 0920 All repeat all personnel will be given instructions in provision of operational memo #113 this HQ dated 8 Nov 43. 1st AD 13 AR

3 1335 Same msg as above to all units.

4 1555 Billeting parties from the 4 sep coa will assemble at Regt'l Hq at 0800 hrs 13 Nov. They will proceed under your direction to the new area. Be prepared to stay there upon arrival. CO 13 Capt Ralston

5 1600 Billeting parties will report from each Co to Capt Ralston at Regt Hq at 0800 hrs 13 Nov; parties will consist of at least one officer and will go prepared to stay in the new area. CO 13 S ad Cos

6 1920 CP closes this area 2130 hrs. CP opens PIGNATRO area 2400 hrs. Maj B, 3/13 CO 13 AR

Nov 13

1 0048 3rd Bn cleared bivouac at 0045 hrs. 3/13 CO 13 AR

NOV 13 (contd)

2	0110	End of column passed IP at 0108 hrs.	3/13	CO 13
3	0205	3/13 closed new area 0205 hrs.	3/13	CO 13
4	0700	Closed in bivouac area 2300 hrs 12 Nov 43.	2/13	CO 13
5	1000	2/13 closed in new bivouac area at 2300 hrs 12 Nov 43; 3/13 closed in new bivouac area at 0205 hrs 13 Nov.	CO 13	CG 1 AD
6	1245	Left bivouac area (Regt HQ): S/3 Truck S/3 R/T M/G * Comm * 2 Band Trucks 2 Kitchen Trucks Tanks Chaplain S-5 S-4 R of M: 15 mph; lbtv: 100 yds.		
7	1358	Arrived new CP location. 14.8 mi from 47th Med Bn on CASERTA road (IP: 4.5 mi from last biv); Total mileage for trips 19.3 mi.		

8	1415	13th AR opened at Sheet II, GR (1723) at 1400 hrs.	CO 13	CG 1 AD
1	0750	Nov 15 Units having bombs or mines in their area will report location of them to Div G-3 by coordinates. CG C/GR		All Units
2	0927	Above sent to all units of 13th AR.		

NOV 19

MEMORANDUM

1	0735	You will submit a copy of your daily training schedule to this HQ in addition to the one sent to the 1st AD.	CG GCB	CO 13
2	1000	Col Stovall was in CP; Col Howze gave dictation RE: changes in Arm'd Force equipment.		
3	1000	CG GCB will supervise training of units in Div area north of CAPUA. Units will continue to send S-3 periodic reports and training spot summaries to this HQ; copy of spot summary to CG "B".	CG 1st AD	CO 13

NOV 20

1	1445	Signs of enemy air activity today. Considerable strafing and some bombing by their planes. One PW was shot down at the northeast edge of our biv area. At least 2 and maybe 3 probables stated.		
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NOV 21

1	0900	Capt Ralston, Regt'l Hqtrs will act as PASSIVE AIR DEFENSE officer for this Regiment.	CO 13	CG GCB
2	1100	1. Any of the above units, which has not set up an adequate air defense in its area will do so at once. AA guns so set up will be manned during the hours of daylight. Capt Ralston will inspect area on 22 Nov for compliance w/paragraph 3, Passive Air Defense, HQ 1st AD, dated 18 Nov 43.		

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2	0930	23 November. C.P. closes old location 1200 hrs opens (N-120880) at 1 200 Hrs.		C.G. 1st A.D. All Units
1430		Hqtrs Sery Ech opens at CAMICIANA 1700 Hrs 23 Nov '43. APO opens at CAMICIANO at 1200 Hrs 23 Nov '43. Map sheet 19, 1/200,000 (N-1886). Unit personnel sections will join Sery Echelon prior to movement forward.		G.G. 1st A.D. All Units.
1430		24 November. Send ord officer and two (2) NCO's with all the Battalion aiming circles to report at 1030 hrs. 25 Nov to Division Artillery Hqtr's to have same declinated.		C.O. 13th A.R. 3/13
1430		Send one officer and two (2) NCO's with aiming circles of the 2nd Bn, 1st Bn, Ron & Hqtrs Companies to report at 1300 hrs 25 Nov to Div Artly Hqtr's to have same declinated		2/13 C.O. 13th A.R.
0910		26 November. 1st Armored Division assembly area is now located at Hqtr's 1st A.D.		C.O. 1st A.D. C.O. 13th.
1710		Part status reports in paragraph 6 of S-3 periodic reports will be stated as number of tanks by type listed in the four categories, A.B.C.K.		G-3, 1st A.D. C.O. 13th.
0825		28 November. Officers call will not be held to-day.		
1135		Message relative meeting of S-3's as of 0930 Hrs is acknowledged		C.O. 13th C.G. 1A.D.
1150		1. Elements of an Italian motorized group will be present in the vicinity of C/C 'B' on Monday 29 Nov. 2. Time reserved for 13th A.R. 1000-1100 Hrs. 3. Attendance: At least five (5) XXXXXX men per company, plus 10% overage, if desired, will attend. Members of the Staff should attend. Personnel will march to the demonstration, using it as a conditioning march, wherever practicable.		All Units C.O. 13th A.R.
0930		There will be a meeting of S-3's at the G-3 tent at 0900 Hrs, 29 November.		C.O. 1st A.D. 13th A.R.
1615		Your request for ranges is approved with exception of unit range for carbine. Firing line is in line of fire of tanks on Division range. Select another range for smaller arms and submit another overlay.		C.O. 1st A.D. 13th A.R.
0835		30 November. Units so desiring may discontinue sending reconnaissance parties to forward area. C.P.'s will continue to be maintained.		C.O. 13th A.R. All Units.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

1 Dec 43 - 31 Dec 43

The regiment remained in bivouac in the FIGNATRO area during the month of December, 1943, and training was devoted to range firing, communications exercises, gun drill, blackout driving, physical conditioning, and maintenance. On 5 December the CG, 1st AD, and three Russian army officers visited the regiment and inspected a display of vehicles and equipment. On 14 December the CG and Exec Officer of CG 8th, CG and Exec Off of CG 1st, and members of the Division Staff conducted an inspection of all personnel, vehicles, and equipment of the regiment. The results of this inspection were highly satisfactory, and the officers and enlisted personnel of the regiment were complimented by the regimental commander, Colonel Howe, for the good showing.

Christmas Day was observed as a holiday. During the morning the division commander, Major General Harmon, visited regimental headquarters and addressed the officers of the regiment who had assembled there to hear his Christmas message.

On 31 December Company "D" and Reconnaissance Company participated in an anti-tank ditch crossing demonstration in the vicinity of the CG 8th bivouac area. With a large number of officers and enlisted men observing, the crossing was demonstrated, using an anti-tank ditch that had been constructed by the Germans as a part of their defense system in this area.

Two officers were lost by the regiment during the month; 1st Lt Gerald J. Sealise, Maintenance Company, died in the hospital; and 1st Lt Aubrey A. Hines, HQ Co, 1st Bn, was missing in action (presumed dead) after a raid by German planes on ships in the harbor of BARZI, Italy. Lt Hines was aboard one of the ships in the harbor at the time of the raid, having just arrived from Africa, where he had been on detached service with VI Corps.

Another loss was suffered during the month, when the Band was relieved from assigned to the regiment and transferred to Service Company, 1st AD.

For the Regimental Commander:

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NO	TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO																								
1	0830	<p align="center"><u>2 December 1943</u></p> <p>Submit the following information to this Hqtrs by 1800 hrs 2 December:</p> <p>(1) Time length in minutes of your stripped flying column - 10 MPH, 50 yd interval</p> <p>(2) Length in miles of your stripped flying column - 10 MPH, 50 yd interval</p> <p>(3) Same as (1) above plus combat trns</p> <p>(4) Same as (2) above plus combat trns</p> <p>(5) Number of vehicles in (1) and (3) above</p> <p>(6) Time it will take head of your column to move from your present bivouac to your IP (RJ 164808)</p>	CG CC*B	13 AR																								
2	1820	<p>Data requested in msg your Hqtrs 0830 hrs, 2 Dec, 43, is as follows:</p> <p>(1) 68 min</p> <p>(2) 11.1 mi</p> <p>(3) 93 min</p> <p>(4) 14.7 mi</p> <p>(5) No of vehs in (1) - 384; No of vehs in (3)-514</p> <p>(6)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>DISTANCE TO IP</th> <th>TIME TO REACH IP</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Serv Co</td> <td>1.1 mi</td> <td>8 min</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maint Co</td> <td>1.3 "</td> <td>9 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ron Co</td> <td>1.4 "</td> <td>9 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HQ Co</td> <td>1.5 "</td> <td>9 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st Bn</td> <td>1.9 "</td> <td>11 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Bn</td> <td>2.2 "</td> <td>13 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd Bn</td> <td>2.4 "</td> <td>15 "</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		DISTANCE TO IP	TIME TO REACH IP	Serv Co	1.1 mi	8 min	Maint Co	1.3 "	9 "	Ron Co	1.4 "	9 "	HQ Co	1.5 "	9 "	1st Bn	1.9 "	11 "	2nd Bn	2.2 "	13 "	3rd Bn	2.4 "	15 "		
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1	1050	<p align="center"><u>3 Dec 43</u></p> <p>The next S-3 periodic will cover the period 021800A to 041200A and will be submitted prior to 041600A. Future periodic reports will cover the period 1200 to 1200 and be submitted prior to 1600 daily.</p>	CG 1 AD	CG 13																								
1	0730	<p align="center"><u>4 Dec 43</u></p> <p>Henceforth spot summaries of training will be submitted prior to 1600 hrs of previous day.</p>	CG 1 AD	CG 13																								
2	0800	<p>Msg including breakdown of separate units within the Regt from CC*B. Info sent by letter to them containing complete info desired. Msg repetition of msg from CC*B read 2 Dec but to 1st, 2nd, 3rd Bns, Maint, Ron, Sv Cos.</p>	CC*B	CG 13 MC Co Ron Co Sv Co 1st, 2nd, 3rd Bns																								
3		<p>Div called for names of two officers to act as observers w/6th Inf: Lt Buters, 1st Bn; Lt Weinberg, Ron Co</p>		Col Gardiner (Oral)																								
4	1230	<p>No vehs of 1st AD will use DRAGONI Bridge during hrs of daylight 6 & 7 Dec w/out clearance from Warrior 3.</p>	CG 1 AD	CG 13																								
5	1613	<p>No vehs of the 13 AR will use DRAGONI bridge (N-270 987) during the hrs of daylight 6 & 7 Dec w/out clearance from Warrior 3.</p>	CG 13	AN's																								
1	1050	<p align="center"><u>5 Dec 43</u></p> <p>Russian officers (3) along with CG 1st AD and another Col visited display of vehs of the Regt; officers arrived at approx 1045 hrs.</p>																										

NO TIME

8 Dec 43

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

1 1313

Report will be submitted to this office by 1200 hrs daily of no of tanks by type (M/L) listed in each of the four (4) categories below:

- A - Fit for battle
- B - Repairable in 24 hrs
- C - Not repairable in 24 hrs
- E - Total knocked out to date

S-3

CO HQ CO

9 Dec 43

1600 The road to the Div range is as indicated on attached overlay. No repeat no other roads will be used by units or individuals vehs going to and from the range.

CG 1 AD

AU's

10 Dec 43

1 0730 Same msg as above.

CO 13

1/13

16 Dec 43

1 The previous instruction in TM #36 CC'B' was erroneous. Map ref point code will be sent in three (3) groups as follows: AB-0123-0456

CC'B'

AU's

18 Dec 43

1 In submitting requests for small arms ranges units will submit no of men that are to fire each type weapon.

CO 13

AU's

2 All American artillery cub type planes w/star and letter markings other than those officially prescribed prohibited are grounded immediately. All cub type planes not properly marked are subject to fire from ground and CG 1 AD air forces. Attention is invited to the fact that French and using Cubs w/French markings and the British are using cub type BP planes w/British markings. (Msg relayed at Regtl Off's Call)

19 Dec 43

1 0900 Subject to unavoidable operational requirements it is desired to avoid damage to CEFRAHU electric power plant at G-6027. Inform your command.

CG 1 AD

All US

2 1105 Same msg as above.

21 Dec 43

1 2200 In all communication exercises and CFI's precautions will be taken that the size and composition of forces participating in the exercise are not disclosed.

CG 1 AD

AU's

2 1221 Same msg as above.

25 Dec 43 (Christmas Day)

1 1230 Ref TM #97, HQ 1st AD, dated 23 Dec 43, the following changes are made; Comm training of CC'A' will be conducted 27 Dec 43; comm training of CC'B' will be conducted 27 Dec 43; road march of CC'B' will be conducted 28 Dec 43.

CG 1st AD

00-13

2 1845 Gen Harmon will arrive at your CP at 0955 hrs tomorrow morning. He wants to talk to as many officers as the Col wants to get assembled, for an informal mass message. He will be here about 10 minutes. Nothing compulsory.

CG 1 AD

00 13

3 0829 Ref TM #62, HQ 13 AR, dated 24 Dec 43; The following changes are made; Comm trng of CC'B' will be conducted 27 Dec 43; road march of CC'B' will be conducted 28 Dec.

CG 13

Ron Co
1,3/13

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MESSAGE

FROM

TO

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1 1430 27 December 1943
Effective 28 Dec and daily thereafter periodic rpts will be submitted as of 1800 hrs. Due this HQ prior to 2200 hrs. CG 1 AD CO 13

2 1430 Submit by 1200 hrs 28 Dec requests for training ammo for month of Jan. Indicate caliber, type, number of weapons to be fired, number of men to fire, and dates desired. Negative report desired. CG 1st AD CO 13

1 1205 28 Dec 43
Effective 29 Dec and daily thereafter periodic rpts and/or tank status rpts will be submitted as of 1800 hrs. due this HQ 1600 hrs. CG 13 1,2,3/13, Ren Co HQ Co

29 Dec 43
1 2130 ²¹³⁰ Effective 0001 hrs 30 Dec. Hq & Hq Det, CC*B* and the 6th Armd Inf are detached-1-AD and come under command of II Corps. "A" Co, 16 Engrs Bn and "B" Co, 47 Med Bn are attached to Task Force Allen (CC*B*). CG 1 AD CO 13

30 Dec 43
Ref tank ditch crossing demonstration for 31 Dec. Brookway truck and bridging equipment will be used, in addition to other methods.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH ARMORED REGIMENT

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

1-31 January 1944

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1. The period 1-18 January was uneventful, and routine training was carried on by the battalions and separate companies. On 19 January the three battalions and the separate companies came under the direct command of Combat Command "B" Headquarters, and a few members of the regimental staff joined the C/C"B" staff for a coming operation. On the morning of 20 January the headquarters detachment moved N from the PIGNATARO area to the vicinity of Mount Rotunda, NW of the town of MIGNANO, in the 36th Infantry Division sector. During the day the separate companies of the regiment moved from the CAPUA area to the vicinity of MIGNANO, followed after dark by the three tank battalions. The 2nd Battalion moved to an assembly area N of the town, while the 1st and 3rd Battalions moved to areas a few miles to the SE.

2. In the 36th Infantry sector the enemy line ran, roughly, from NE to SE through the town of CASSINO, and the Germans held prepared positions W of the Rapido River. The Corps plan was for the 36th Division to attack across the river and establish a bridgehead in the vicinity of S. ANGELO, with engineer units prepared to construct bridges across the river. Upon completion of the bridges the units of C/C"B" were active on the 20, 21, and 22 of January in reconnoitering routes to be used by the tanks in moving forward to cross the river. Pfc Collins, Reconnaissance Company, 13th AR, was seriously wounded when he stepped on a German box mine on Mount Trocchio. He was a member of a reconnaissance group that had been dispatched to man an OP on the mountain. Another casualty was suffered when 2nd Lt. Siegel, Hq Co 3rd Bn, 13th AR, was killed by a fragment from an exploding enemy shell while he was engaged in a reconnaissance mission near the front.

3. The initial attack by the 36th Division was launched the night of 20 January, and for two days and nights heavy fighting took place in the vicinity of S. ANGELO. Our infantry, succeeded in forcing two crossings of the river, but each time they were forced to withdraw after suffering heavy casualties. The engineers succeeded in constructing one bridge over the river, but it was quickly destroyed by concentrated German artillery fire. The 36th Division did not continue the attack, but on 24 January the 34th Division, operating in the sector to the right of the 36th Division, launched an attack against the town of CASSINO. This attack was not successful, and for the next few days the front was quiet except for artillery fire and patrol actions. On the afternoon of 25 January the 2nd Bn, 13th AR (Hq Co & Co F) was ordered to move to the vicinity of Mount Cedra (S of CASSINO) and make a demon-

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stration before the German positions, placing fire on targets previously selected from aerial photographs. This mission was accomplished by Companies D & E who, by indirect fire, fired 1600 rounds of 75mm ammunition at the given targets. Results of this fire were not observed, and the two companies returned to the battalion area after dark. Companies E and F, plus the assault gun platoon, repeated this performance on 27 January. On this date, however, they moved to the vicinity of Mount Trocchio and engaged targets with direct fire. Houses, roads, and vehicles in the vicinity of CASSINO were the main targets, and 900 rounds of 75mm ammunition were expended before the companies returned to the MIGNANO area. The 2nd Battalion suffered no losses on either of these missions.

Henry E. Gardiner
HENRY E. GARDINER, ^{USMC}
Lt. Col., 13th A.B.,
Executive, S-3.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>3 January 1944.</u>			
1625	Weekly training schedules (one copy) will be submitted to S-3 by 1600 hrs on Saturday of each week. The balance of this weeks training will be submitted by 1600 hrs.	G.O.13AR	All Units
<u>4 January</u>			
0830.	Effective at once recognition pennants need not be flown on tanks and armored vehicles except in proximity to army boundary.	C.G 1st AD	All units
1535	Same msg as above	G.O. 13 AR	All Units
<u>5 January</u>			
1030	In the future number of carriage M-7 for duty #611 be listed in para #6 of your periodic rpt.	C.G. 1st AD	C.O. 13AR
<u>9 January</u>			
1330	No AP ammunition larger than cal. 50 will be fired in the new Div maneuver area aek.	G.G. 1st AD	C.O. 13AR
1455	Traffic control point has been advised as follows about the movement of your column for the exercise on 10 Jan. Total vehs 36. Column reaches EJ 184807 at 1700 hrs 10 Jan. Column reaches EJ 226824 at 2400 hrs 10 Jan.	CG 13AR	CG Hon, 3/13
1745	Your msg relative the use of AP ammunition on Div maneuver area acknowledged.	CG 13 AR	1st AD
1800	Same msg as 1330 above	CG 13 AR	All Units.
1500	Units desire to use Div mine school during the week 17-22 Jan must have requests in to this Hqtr's by 1200 hrs 13 Jan.	G.O. 13 AR	All Units
1900	Due to the necessity of transporting rations into the combat range area there will be no firing of any type between 0600 and 0800 hrs on the following dates 11,15,19,23,27 & 31 Jan.	CG 1st AD	All Units
2305	Your msg of 1900 hrs 10 Jan acknowledged.	CG 13 AR	CG 1st AD
2305	Same msg as 1900 hrs above	G.O.13 AR	All Units.
<u>12 January</u>			
2230	Schedule for Div Tr area published in annex #3 to TM #3, dated 12 Jan is changed. 16,17,18 Jan 1 AR 19,20,21 Jan 13 AR 22,23 Jan 81 Hon Bn	CG 1st AD	All Units.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>14 January</u>			
1836	13 AR attached to Command CG "B" and released from 1st AD details later.		CG 1st AD CG 13 AR
1805	In training memorandum #4, 13th AR dated 14 Jan para #13, TM #3, 1st AD referred to should read TM #16, 13th AR.		CG 13AR All Units
<u>15 January</u>			
2230	You will have liaison officer report to this Hqtrs at 15 Jan 0830 Hrs, prepared to remain indefinitely, no troop movement contemplated at present - training will continue as previously scheduled. S-2, S-3 periodic reports will be at this Hqtrs by 2200 Hrs daily as of 1800 hrs. No change in administrative instructions - further details later.		CG CG "B" CG 13 AR
2400	The Division range will come under control CG "B" at 2100 hrs 17 Jan 44. The Div maneuver and combat range area comes under control of CG "B" at 2400 Hrs. 17 Jan. When CG CG "B" has completed necessary training in that area he will notify CG 5th ARMY that the 1st AD has no further use of the area. At the present time firing at the range of all weapons is prohibited.		CG 1st AD - All Units.
<u>16 January</u>			
1730	Major Menard and Maj Gabler relieved from duty this headquarters and assigned to CG "B" on temporary duty.		
2030	You will establish and maintain until further orders from this Hqtrs a daytime OP on Mt. TROCCHIO commencing 17 Jan contact S-3 135th Inf Regt for details and best locations. Daily reports will be made to this Headquarters on your observations - A 81 Reh will maintain a similar OP. Ask.		CG CG "B"
<u>17 January</u>			
1325	Effective this date armored cars will be included in your vehicle status reports submitted to this Hqtrs.		CG CG "B" CG 13 AR
<u>19 January</u>			
1436	Left Bivouac area of 13 Nov.		
1501	Arrived OP CG "B"		
<u>20 January</u>			
1200	This Hqtrs now located at G-970130. There will be a meeting at this Hq at 1600 hrs today		CG CG "B" All Units.

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TIME MESSAGE FROM TO

20 Jan. (Cont'd)

2355

With the extremely satisfactory progress of the 36th Inf Div up to this time it is possible that this command may be called upon to move across the RAPIDO to attack sometime tomorrow.

CG' CG'B* All units.

21 January

1735

1. Will small concrete bridge at 817147 take Med tks? Engineer opinion necessary.
2. Does road exist from 883147 to 893150?
3. Information needed on following roads:

874153-883146-883151

908151-881170

892159-909162

Col Howze CO A 21 Ren.

4. Above question should in no-way change your mission given you by Col Howze. They do constitute however important gaps in road Ren made today.

22 January

1220

You will institute reconnaissance this afternoon to locate tank disposal areas for elements of your Battalion to support the remainder of your command as it crosses the RAPIDO.

CG CG'B* CO 13 AR

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SUBJECT: Report of Activities

TO : C. G. 1st U. S. Armored Division.

1. Report called for in paragraph 4, Headquarters 1 A.D., A.G., 314.7. Subject, "Historical Records & Histories of Organizations", dated 6 November 1943 and Section II, Bulletin #4, dated 30 November 1943, and section I, Bulletin #6, dated 11 January 1944 is herewith submitted.

2. Owing to the fact that Hqtr's 13th AR and O/C "B" have amalgamated during the pending operation, no records have been kept by this Headquarters.

For the Regimental Commander:

Henry S. Gardiner
HENRY S. GARDINER,
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In the Field
2 March 1944

**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
1-29 February--1944**

Infantry fighting continued in and about CASSINO during the month of February, but the enemy continued to hold his positions in the town and on MONASTERY HILL. The units of C/C "B" continued to remain on the alert, prepared to launch an attack as soon as the GUSTAV LINE was breached and bridges thrown across the RAPIDO RIVER. On 3 February, C/C "B" Headquarters moved to an area in rear of MOUNT TROCCHIA, South of CASSINO, but combat troops of the command remained in their respective areas awaiting orders to move forward.

Infantry action continued along the front, but German forces continued to hold most of their positions and our Infantry gains were limited. On 6 February, C/C "B" Headquarters withdrew to its former assembly area in the vicinity of MOUNT LUNGO, unfavorable weather conditions having again postponed the projected operation. During the time that the Headquarters was bivouacked near MOUNT TROCCHIA there were two casualties among the personnel from the Regiment. Pvt. Adolph Hall, HQ & HQ Company, 13th AR was killed by a shell fragment while performing his duties in the kitchen and Pvt. Leslie H. Shrankler, HQ & HQ Company, 13th AR, was slightly wounded.

The 2nd New Zealand and 4th Indian Divisions, operating under the II New Zealand Corps, relieved the 34th and 36th Divisions in the line, and C/C "B" was attached to the new Corps. Operations during the latter part of the month were severely hampered by the rain and mud, and activity was mainly limited to patrol actions and artillery fire. The organizations of the Regiment carried on routine training throughout the period, despite the unfavorable weather.

The following EM from the Regiment were reported as battle casualties by the 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. These men were members of tank crews attached to the field artillery to operate forward observer tanks and were in action in the ANZIO beach-head sector.

KILLED IN ACTION

Pvt. Hown W. Stultz - HQ Co 3rd Bn
Sgt. Willie Dawsey - Company "D"
W/5 George D. Hilligoss - HQ Co 2nd Bn

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pvt. Stephen Tamay - HQ Co 3rd Bn
Pvt. Hazel Mays - HQ Co 3rd Bn
Pvt. Edward R. Froman - HQ Co 3rd Bn
Pvt. Edwin E. Kautzer - HQ Co 2nd Bn

For the Regimental Commander:

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In the Field
3 April 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Activities

TO : C. G. 1st U. S. Armored Division.

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2. Owing to the fact that Headquarters 13th Armored Regiment, and O/G-20 have amalgamated during the peacetime operation, only messages sent and received by this Headquarters have been entered in the Journal.

For the Regimental Commander:

Henry E. Gardiner
HENRY E. GARDINER..
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In the Field
3 April 1944

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
1-31 March-----1944

Operations at the front were limited to patrol clashes and artillery fire during the early part of March, due to the continued inclement weather. On 15 March, however, after several days of clear weather, a strong attack was launched by New Zealand and Indian troops against the German positions in CASSINO and the high ground NW of the town. The attack, launched shortly after noon, was preceded by a concentrated aerial bombardment of the enemy positions by light, medium, and heavy American bombers. As the last wave of bombers moved away from the target area, troops of the 2nd New Zealand Division moved in on the town from the North, while the 4th Indian Division attacked the high ground to the NW. Both attacks met fierce resistance, and heavy fighting continued for the next few days.

Units of Combat Command "B" remained in position in the vicinity of MIGNANO during the initial phase of the operation. The plan of the operation was, briefly, as follows: The 2nd NZ Division was to capture CASSINO and Hill 193, (North of town) and secure the ground S and SW of town to provide a bridgehead for the passage of tanks over the Rapido River and into the Liri Valley; the 4th Indian Division to capture the high ground NW and W of CASSINO; the 1st Tank Group to cross the Rapido and seize objectives in the valley; the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 13th A.R., with attached engineers and tank destroyers, to pass through the 1st Tank Group and attack up the valley, destroying all hostile opposition encountered.

After a week of fierce fighting in and about CASSINO it became evident that all objectives would not be taken, thus blocking the tank exploitation up the valley. On 26 March, Combat Command "B", upon orders, moved from MIGNANO area to the vicinity of VILLA VOLTURNO.

For the Regimental Commander:

Henry E. Gardiner
HENRY E. GARDINER.,
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TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
	<u>2nd MARCH</u> Cub airplanes of the 6th FA Group are available on a limited basis for personnel reconnaissance of the LIRI VALLEY. Units desiring to make use of this will contact S-3, 6th FA Grp for details and arrangements. Individuals making such flights will submit a report of their observations to S-3, O/O "B" within 12 hrs after completion of their flight.		OO CC "B" All Units
1500A			
	<u>8th MARCH</u> Secure enough of the bestard smoke rounds to replace smoke now on hand in tanks and rolling reserve. Crimps spread by pulling old projectile out should be tipped back after reloading. Don't wait for reports on how much smoke is now on hand - estimate and order. Please expedite;		O.O. 13AR S-4, 13th AR
1750 A			
	<u>15th MARCH</u> Following emergency route available after first D plus one day as by-pass into CASSINO in event of casualty to intended bridge over RAPIDO on Hwy #6. One way - G-876208 - G-875211 - along two way gravel rd bed - G-880217 - G-878223, thence to HW along PASCIALE RD through CASSINO from North. Class 30. Unit CO's meeting - 15th March - 1300 Hrs.		OO CC "B" All Units
0900A			
	<u>19 March</u> 16th Engrs will conduct a snake demonstration between the period 1430-1530 hrs today, at G-929167. Inspection of installations 1430 - 1510 hrs. Blowing of torpede at 1510 hrs. Attendance optional.		OO CC "B" All Units
1100A			
	<u>22nd MARCH</u> The following msg was recv'd from 2nd NZ Div. Quote - "In view US Tk terminology M and likelihood of confusion between words Sherman and German, it is essential that care be taken in reporting name and identity of own and enemy AFV's"		OO CC "B" All Units
2130 A			
	<u>25th MARCH</u> Effective 241800A March 25, OO "B" with attached units is relieved from attachment to NZ Corps for operations and to II US Corps for administration and supply and reverts to V Army.		OO CC "B" All Units
2200A			
	OO "B" with Hqtr's Det 13th AR left bivouac area for new area in the vicinity of VITUALAZO.		Oral.
1645A			
	Arrived at new bivouac area located at VILLA VOLTURNO vicinity of M-809040. Total distance from old bivouac area of MT. LUNGO was 29.0 miles.		Oral.
1832A			
	<u>28th MARCH</u> Training Memorandum #4, this Hqtr's, dated 26 March 1944, should be changed to read TM #7.		OO 13th AR All Units
1235A			
	<u>29 MARCH</u> In letter this Hq dated 29 March 1944, Subject "Allocation of Training Ammunition", the allocation of 37mm ammunition should be changed to read 25 rds per gun.		OO 13th AR All Units
1141A			
	Effective immediately no personnel from units other than ones scheduled for the day will visit the OO "B" firing range. M-180044 - M-200055, without first obtaining permission from S-3, OO "B"		OO CC "B"
1015A			

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~~1344~~ Effective 30 March 1944, the S-2 School will be held from ~~0900~~ hrs and not in the afternoon as previously announced.

OG 00°B All Units.

31 MARCH

~~1015A~~ Training Schedules for the period 3-8 April 1944, will be submitted to S-3 13th AR., in duplicate by ~~1800~~ hrs 2 April 1944.

13th AR
O.O. 13th AR All Units.

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In the Field
4 May 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Activities.

TO : C. G., 1st U. S. Armored Division.

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By the Regimental Commander

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH ARMORED REGIMENT
Office of the Regimental Commander

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In the Field
4 May 1944

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
1-30 April-----1944

The regiment remained with Combat Command "B" in the vicinity of VILLA VOLTUREO until 8 April, 1944, moving on that date to an area NW of NAPLES in the vicinity of VILLA LATERNO. From that date until the latter part of the month, the companies were engaged in routine training, with special emphasis being placed upon range firing. On approximately 20 April the units of Combat Command "B" were alerted for a move to the ANZIO beach-head, and on 25 April the 3rd Battalion proceeded to the embarkation point at BAGNOLI, followed by the 2nd Battalion on 27 and 29 April, and Reconnaissance (-detach.), Maintenance, and Headquarters and Headquarters Companies on 30 April. Vehicles and personnel were transported to ANZIO aboard LST's, the water movement ~~making approximately 4 miles north~~. ~~But, upon disembarking, moved directly to bivouac areas approximately 4 miles north of the town of ASTONO, and the first few days were spent "digging in".~~ German artillery was very active at night, and enemy bombers made frequent raids on the beach-head area, but the regiment suffered no casualties during its first few days in the ANZIO sector.

For the Regimental Commander:

Henry E. Gardiner
HENRY E. GARDINER
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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1400	4 April 1944 SUBMIT to S-3 the 13th AR, by 1800 hrs, this date, name, rank, CO 13 and serial number of officer and non-commissioned officer for each company and platoon to attend bomb recognition course.		AU's (Phone)
2000	5 April/1944 This entire command will move to a new bivouac area vicinity VILLA LITERNO (N-064679), starting late Saturday afternoon, 8 April, 1944. Movement to be completed prior to daylight, 9th April. Further details in FO this HQ, to be issued 6 April.	CG/ CG/B	AU's
1000	6 April 1944 Officers attending the S-2 Intelligence School at C/C"B" will not attend the P.I.E. lecture scheduled for 0800 hrs.	CG/ CG/B	AU's
1030	RE: Unnumbered Memorandum, this HQ, 2nd April, 1944, delete April 9th schedule under 1a, substitute 2/13 for 16th Engrs Bn on April 17 Schedule under 1a, and substitute 3/13 for 16th Engrs Bn on April 8 schedule under a. No other changes.	CG/ CG/B	AU's
2030	RE: FO #2, this HQ, dated 6 April, 1944, RJ N-165824 should be changed to read RJ N-165809 in par 2 and IP is at RJ N-165809.	CG/ CG/B	AU's
0945	8 April 1944 1. Upon reaching RJ N-091636 convoys will increase interval between vehicles to 100 yds to facilitate visibility in the dust. 2. All units will leave clean-up detachment behind when they leave their old area. This detachment will remain until relieved by the inspecting surgeon.	CG/ CG/B	AU's
1650	Left biv area, edge of VILLA VOLTURNO at 0 mi.		
1726	Arrived biv area at 21.8 mi, on rt side of rd (082649-N). Vicinity VILLA LITERNO.		
1055	9 April 1944 1. Monday will be devoted to completion of the establishment of camp, and to athletics. 2. A training schedule will be issued to cover the remainder of the week.	CG-13	AU's
1355	Each Bn will send one (1) medium tank w/crew to report to Maj Hale, 16th Engr Bn. Tanks will report at 0800 hrs, 11 April, 1944. Purpose- Experimentation in the development of certain field expedients.	CG 13	AU's
1330	1. Combat Command Intelligence school continues with a period tomorrow, 10 April, on Interpretation of Aerial Photos, to be held in officers' mess tent, HQ CG/B, from 0800-1130 hrs.	CG/ CG/B	AU's

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1330	(cont'd) 2. Attendance, uniform and equipment: no change.		
	10 April 1944		
1430	Mag this HQ signed 1115 hrs, this date, is amended to include all vehicles (trucks, cranes, wreckers, M/Cs, graders, peeps, etc.) in the repainting. Vehicles operating under the Geneva Cross are the sole exceptions. Vehicle classifications and unit identification markings will not be painted out. Stars on horizontal surfaces will be left showing. Undercarriages of vehicles will not be re-painted. White paint for markings is available at HQ 16 Engrs for issue.	CG/	AU's
	11 April 1944		
0930	As prescribed by Oper Memo #19, 1st AD, 28 March, 1944, gas masks will not be carried, but will be kept readily at hand either in the soldier's assigned vehicle or supply tent.	CG/ CC/B	AU's
	12 April 1944		
2030	There will be a meeting of unit commanders, vicinity of the S-3 tent, this HQ, at 1030 hrs, Thursday, 13 April, 1944.	CG/ CC/B	AU's
	18 April 1944		
1130	It is proposed to run a German language school for 3/4 hr every other day, starting Thursday, April 20, at 0900 hrs, in vicinity of S-2 tent at CC/B. Unit and separate organization commanders will submit to S-3, CC/B, number of enlisted men and officers they desire to send. If no students are to be sent, negative reports will be submitted. Reports are due prior to 1200 hrs, Wed., 19 April.	CG CC/B	AU's
	19 April 1944		
0850	Small arms range how located at N-046505. Units desiring same, submit requests to Maj Detweiler at once.	CO 13	AU's
	20 April 1944		
1430	The German language school to be conducted by this HQ will commence tomorrow, 20 April. Place: East side of 2/13 biv area (signs will be posted). Uniform: coveralls, helmet liners, combat boots, or leggins. Equipment: Notebooks and pencils. Attendance: as designated by units in reply to mag this HQ, dated 18 April. Classes will be held from 0900-0945 hrs on the following dates: Apr 20, 22, 24, 26, 28; May 1, 3, 5. Units will furnish own transportation; a minimum number of vehicles will be used.	CG/ CC/B	AU's
	20 April 1944		
1600	All officers will attend the demonstration on crossing of tank ditches. Attendance of additional personnel is optional with units. Time: 1500 hrs, 21 Apr. Place: N-092638.	CO 13	AU-Sv
	21 April 1944		
1600	13 AR will conduct a demonstration on Tank Ditch Crossings at 1600 hrs, Apr 21, 1944. Place: N-092638.	CO 13	S-3 CC/B 16 Engr

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1150	25 April 1944 First echelon CC/B closes in this area at 1500 hrs today. Second Echelon under Maj Klous, remains in present area to direct all movement to ANZIO. No change in administrative matters until further notice.	CG/ CC/B	AU's
1600	25 April 1944 The only authorized headgear on the beach-head is the steel helmet. Any individual apprehended not wearing one will be fined by V Army the sum of \$25.00.	CG/ CC/B	AU's
1200	26 April 1944 Upon arrival of the elements of CC/B at the beach-head, it is essential that presence be not disclosed by radio. No radio will be operated by units of this command at the beach-head until so authorized by Div HQ.	CG/ CC/B	AU's
1830	Between 1000 and 1100 hrs, 27 April, Paratroopers will be dropped from planes in the general area east of the tank firing point on the CC/B range. All personnel, especially those firing on the range, will be informed. It is necessary to conduct range firing.	CG/ CC/B	AU's
1830	All units and separate organizations will continue to submit S-3 periodic reports to S-3, CC/B, until such time as they move to the TEXAS Staging Area. Effective immediately, daily spot summaries of training need not be submitted.	CG/ CC/B	AU's
0800	30 April 1944 Left bivouac area vicinity VILLA LITERNO, where we arrived on 8 April. MI: O.		
0825	Passed through QUALIANO.		
0845	Passed Ste. di QUATRO di MARANO.		
0900	POZZUOLI; on the Bay de Napoli.		
0930	Arrived at TEXAS staging area (#2). Near BAGNOLI; at 19.8 mi.		
1315	Loaded on LST #52 at same area where we originally landed. 21.0 mi.		

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During the first part of May tank platoons from companies H and I participated in several local actions in the CISTERNIA DI LITTORALE sector. During the early morning (approx 0350 hrs) of 8 May the first platoon of Company "H", under the command of 1st Lt. Charles G. Hagerty, moved to an assembly area approximately 2 miles NW of ISOLA BELLA preparatory to taking part in a local attack with a raiding party from the 168th Infantry Regiment. The objective, an enemy hold house, was located several thousand yards to the N of the tank assembly area. The infantry arrived in the area approximately 0450B and four of them were assigned to each tank of the first section, with the infantry officer riding the number 3 tank. Following a five minute artillery preparation the first section moved forward on the objective, while the second section remained in position and covered the advance with fire. The number 3 tank of the first section was disabled on a mine but the other two continued on toward the objective, with the second section firing on the enemy positions. The covering fire of the second section knocked out an enemy self-propelled gun N of the objective, but as the first section neared the house several enemy tanks suddenly appeared over the crest of a rise approximately 1500 yds to the N. The hostile tanks were immediately taken under fire by the "H" Company tanks. Numerous hits were scored on six of them before the Germans withdrew, leaving two burning tanks on the field. The first section remained in the area until the raiding party had retired and then rejoined the second section and withdrew from the field. No casualties were suffered during the action.

On the night of 9 May the third platoon, Company "H", commanded by 1st Lt. George T. Vass, engaged in a local action with another raiding party from the 168th Infantry Regiment. The scene of this action was N of ISOLA BELLA. The plan of attack called for two tanks to move along the right side of the road while the other three moved forward on the left until they reached the objective, a group of enemy hold houses. Prior to taking up this approach formation it was necessary for the tanks to move through a gap in a friendly mine field. The platoon leader's tank passed through the gap without incident, but the second tank, in the darkness, drove into a crater in the road and stalled. The third tank swung too wide in moving through the gap, struck a mine, and was disabled. The fourth tank suffered the fate of the third, thereby blocking the path of the last tank. Lt. Vass realized that the remainder of his platoon could not assist him, but he continued to move forward toward the enemy positions. After advancing only a short distance, however, his tank was hit and set afire by an enemy S.F. gun. Lt. Vass was seriously wounded in the left leg but with the assistance of other members of the crew he escaped from the blazing tank and returned to the platoon assembly area. One of the disabled tanks was recovered during the night but the other two were destroyed by hostile artillery fire the following day.

On the same night the first platoon, Company "I", commanded by 1st Lt. Lewis G. Henry, engaged in a night firing mission against suspected enemy machine gun and mortar positions. The platoon fired a total of 81 rounds of HE ammunition into enemy hold buildings, shattering them badly and setting fire to an ammunition dump. Casualties inflicted upon the enemy are unknown. The tank platoon withdrew at the end of the action - which lasted approximately 20 minutes - without casualties. Commanded by the second platoon, Company "I",

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was engaged in a similar mission. Two houses and a hostile machine gun nest were engaged by the tank gunners, but due to poor visibility results could not be determined.

On 11 May Allied forces to the S launched an offensive against the German positions from N of CASSINO to the sea. While this attack was in progress plans were being made to launch an attack from the beach-head to destroy the enemy forces in the area and cut the routes of escape for the Germans in the S. The forces of VI Corps were to attack on 23 May to seize the high ground in the vicinity of the town of CORI and be prepared to push on to seize ARTEMI and out highway 6 in the vicinity of VALLMONTONE. The 1st A.D. to attack with Combat Commands abreast to seize successive objectives N, NW, and W of the town of CISTERNA and be prepared to continue the attack to the N and NW, while the 3rd Division was to attack to the right of the 1st A.D. and the 45th Division to make a limited attack on the left.

For phase I of the attack the 1st and 2nd Bns and Hon Co of the Regiment were attached to C/C "B", while Maintenance Co, Hqtr's Co., and the 3rd Bn remained in Division reserve, which was under the command of Colonel Howze, 701st T.D. Bn (-A & C), Co's A & D 1st AR., and Co B 636 TD Bn.

During the night of 22-23 May assault forces moved up to forward assembly areas, and the attack was launched at 0630 hrs the following morning (23 May). The Division Reserve, initially, remained in the general area F-918257. The attack met only light opposition during the early stages of the advance, but the tanks experienced great difficulty in working their way through minefields and many tanks were disabled by mines. After clearing the mined area, however, the advance continued and good progress was made. During mid-afternoon the 3rd Bn moved from Division Reserve to the vicinity of F-950287 to counter-attack a force of 24 Mk VI tanks reported at F-950335, and B Co 1st AR (- 1 platoon) was relieved from reserve and attached to C/O "A". No contact was made with the enemy tanks which had been forced to withdraw by friendly artillery fire, and the 3rd Bn returned to Division Reserve. By late evening (23 May) forces of C/C "A" and C/C "B" were across the railroad NW of CISTERNA, and after heavy fighting on 24 May the first three objectives of C/C "B" had been taken. The 3rd Bn moved up and occupied the 1st objective, while the 2nd Bn remained on the 2nd and the 1st Bn on the 3rd.

During the night of 24 May the 2nd Bn 6th Inf., B Co 1st AR., and Hq 701st TD Bn were detached from the Division Reserve, but the entire regiment (inc D) was placed under the command of Colonel Howze and given the mission of taking the fourth objective of C/C "B", the attack to be launched at first light the following morning (25 May). No infantry was attached to TFH, but one Bn was to follow the advance of the tanks. During the early morning of 25 May Colonel Howze moved forward and joined the 3rd Bn, then on the 1st objective just N of the railroad track, and remained with it during the days fighting. With the 2nd Bn remaining in reserve the 1st and 3rd Bns jumped off on the attack at 0640H. While the 3rd Bn moved NW toward the town of GUILLANELLO the 1st Bn preceded by Hon Co., moved forward on the left. Steady progress was made throughout the day despite enemy resistance, and by 1340H tank elements had reached their objective, generally along the line G-045410-G-068410, and the 3rd Bn had cut the CORI - VILLETRI road at G-067415. By 1525H the objective had been secured despite continued resistance by enemy AT guns, artillery and infantry. Known losses inflicted on the enemy by our forces during the day included: 10 AT guns, one tank, two 105mm AA guns, one 20mm gun, 11 prisoners were captured and a large number of enemy troops killed. Co B 636 TD Bn

was attached during the late afternoon, and the 91st FA Bn., 1st Bn 6th Inf., A Co 81st Ren Bn., C Co 16th Eng Bn., and D Btry 434 AAA Bn were attached to TFF during the early morning (0200B) of 26 May, but at the same time the 1st and 2nd Bns and Ren. Co of the 13th AR were detached from TFF and attached to C/O 'B', and TFF was attached to the 3rd Division. The 3rd Division, having hopped up the last resistance in CISTERNA during the day, had moved on in the direction of the town of CORI and by 2100B was 1500 yds short of the town. TFF was assigned the mission of protecting the left flank of the 3rd Division as it moved on CORI and on to GULLIANELLO by the night of 25-26 May. TFF prepared to continue the drive to the NE toward the town of ARTENA on the morning of 26 May, as a screening force for the 3rd Division, which was to follow the tanks toward ARTENA, light resistance being offered by enemy infantry and a few AT guns. Tanks and infantry eliminated this opposition and continued the advance, but encountered heavy fire from artillery in the vicinity of ARTENA. Co I, 13AR was dispatched on a mission of cutting the highway between VELLETRI and VALMONTONE, and had accomplished same by 1547B in the vicinity G-097480. Very little resistance was encountered by this force. While infantry elements pushed into the town of ARTENA, companies G & H, 13AR, pushed on in the direction of VALMONTONE with the mission of cutting highway 6. Forward elements reached a position dominating the highway and approximately 400 yds short of it when a message from the G/O 3rd Division, ordered the two companies to withdraw. Lt. Col. Cairns withdrew his tanks to a position S of the VELLETRI - VALMONTONE railroad and just W of ARTENA. The 1st Bn 6th Infantry outposted the tanks during the night. Casualties inflicted by the tanks in the VALMONTONE area are not known, but they were considerable.

27 May was spent consolidating positions and preparing for further operations. Elements of the 3rd Bn 13AR fired a few missions on targets located by the infantry, and enemy artillery was active in the sector, at approximately 1930 hrs the enemy launched a counter-attack with infantry and tanks on our forward elements in the vicinity of G-049495, moving W, and also attacked SE from the loop in the road approximately 1000 yds NE of that point. Company I, 13AR which bore the blunt of the attack, lost two tanks by enemy tank fire, and even though companies G and H moved to the support of company I they were forced to fall back in order to protect their flanks. Our infantry, tanks, and artillery finally repulsed the enemy attack after a sharp fight, and casualties were inflicted on the Germans before they withdrew. At 0500 hrs the following morning, (28 May) an attack was launched in coordination with elements of the 7th and 30th Infantry Regiments in an attempt to restore the positions of the previous day. Only light opposition was encountered during this attack, and by 0730 hrs our forces had regained their forward positions and the line was stabilized. The remainder of the day was spent in consolidating positions. Tanks of the 3rd Bn 13AR fired on targets selected by the infantry, but in the late afternoon the battalion was alerted when a message was received reporting the presence of six Mk VI tanks in the vicinity of ARTENA. Company I, 13AR was immediately dispatched to deal with the enemy tanks but before contact could be made the Mk VI's had been forced to withdraw by our artillery fire. With the threat averted, company I rejoined the 3rd Bn. At 2130 hrs the 1st Bn 6th Inf Regt., was released to its parent organization, and maintenance company 13 AR, was attached to d/c 'B'. Later in the night the remaining forces of TFF (- 1 platoon tanks and a section of TD's) were pulled out of the line and moved to an assembly area approximately 2 miles N of the town of GULLIANELLO for rest and maintenance of vehicles. One platoon of tanks from Company G, 13AR, and a section of TD's from Company B, 636 TD Bn., remained in the line to provide AT defense in the vicinity of the OR at G-096500. Patrols from Company A, 81st Ren Bn pushed out to the vicinity of G-114800 to observe enemy movement on highway 6 and to the vicinity of G-008800 to reconnoiter tank routes for

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firing positions in that area. During the early morning of 29 May the 91st FA Bn and Btry D, 43d AAA were relieved from attached to TFF.

TFF remained in the GULLIANELLO area on 29 and 30 May. This period was spent in resting of personnel and maintenance of vehicles, and the platoon from Company G returned to battalion control in the late afternoon of 29 May. On 31 May, TFF was alerted for a move to the forward area where the 3rd Division was preparing to launch an attack on VALMONTONE. TFF was given the mission of protecting the 3rd Division left flank on this attack, with our tanks driving on the town of LABIICO on highway 6. TFF, composed at this time of the 3rd Bn 13AR, Company A 81st Ren Bn., Company G, 16th Engr's Bn., and Hq Co 13AR, moved in the late afternoon of 31 May to an assembly area S of the VELLETRI - VALMONTONE railroad and W of ARTEMA, and the attack was launched the following morning at 0500 hrs. Initial progress was slow because of the large number of enemy infantrymen, mortars, and AT guns encountered. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy foot troops and the tanks of Company I (leading the attack) had knocked out 8 AT guns within an hour after the attack jumped off. Enemy snipers inflicted some casualties among the tank commanders from behind. Casualties in officers were particularly high - the 3rd Bn losing one killed and four wounded during the day. Total ground gained during the day was approximately 1000 yds. The 3rd Bn moved into a night laager just N of the railroad at approximately 2100 hrs.

While plans were being made to continue the attack the following morning engineers worked throughout the night sweeping for mines and reconnoitering for passages for the tanks. The attack was continued the morning of 2 June at 0530H. Resistance was much lighter and progress was faster than had been the case on the previous day, while on the right the 3rd Division was in the town of VALMONTONE and mopping up by 0615 hrs. Tanks of TFF continued to encounter enemy rear guards in the nature of infantry elements and AT guns which fell back without offering serious opposition. By 1117 hrs Company H was in a position that dominated a stretch of highway 6, and G and I were just S of the highway. With the Germans retreating along Highway 6 to the NW the tank companies were able to place harassing fire on them, destroying some vehicles and inflicting casualties. The main force continued to receive artillery fire during the afternoon and enemy infantry and SP guns were still contesting our advance, but the advance continued slowly. Over one hundred prisoners were captured by noon. Elements of the 81st Ren were ordered out to operate on both sides of highway 6 to the NW to RJ - G-045557, thence NE to the town of RALESTRINA. This reconnaissance was ordered by the CG 3rd Division because of a report that elements of the 15 Panzer Grenadiers and the 26 Panzer Divisions were in that locality. With the fall of darkness the tanks moved into a night laager position on highway 6, just W of LABICO, while the 3rd Division continued to push on to the N. During the night TFF was detached from the 3rd Division and attached to the 88th Division, with the following attachments: 756 Tank Bn., 1st Bn 349th Inf., two companies 1108 Engr's., and the 59th FA Bn. TFF (-756 Tank Bn) reverted to direct control of II Corps.

The following morning (3 June) the advance toward ROSE was continued. A company 81st Ren Bn., preceded the tanks along the axis of advance, and, initially, only scattered resistance was met. By 1200 hrs the tanks of the 3rd Bn had reached the vicinity G-965615 without serious resistance. Again the supporting infantry could not keep up with the tanks due to the rapidity of the advance and snipers and AT guns from the flanks and rear began giving the tankers trouble. At approximately 1600 hrs a large number of enemy vehicles, personnel, and horse-drawn artillery were observed trying to evacuate to the N

along highway 6. Tanks of the 3rd Bn moved to a position from which they could bring fire on those targets, and the fire from the tank guns caused heavy damage and casualties to the German columns. During the day TFH was attached to the SSF, and during the night infantry elements of the SSF moved up to the 3rd Bn positions to take part in the attack the following day.

The attack on ROE was launched at approximately 0545 hrs by tanks of the 3rd Bn and infantry of the SSF, two companies of which rode on the decks of the tanks. Progress was unimpeded until 0630 hrs, at which time the leading elements began receiving AT and sniper fire. This resistance continued throughout the day, augmented by onomy artillery fire, but it was evident that the Germans were fighting a delaying action to permit evacuation of their forces from the city of ROE. Our tanks and infantry continued to push their way slowly forward, however, and in the afternoon they were fighting in the outskirts of the city. Snipers, AT and SP guns continued to resist our advance into the city, and our tanks were unable to maneuver due to the buildings lining both sides of the street. While the infantry elements of TFH mopped up in the outskirts of the city and moved on into ROE proper with the SSF, the 3rd Bn 13AR was withdrawn to an assembly area E of ROE for maintenance and rest. Fighting and mopping up continued on through the night and following morning (5 June) but the main onomy force had withdrawn, leaving only light elements to delay our advance. In the early afternoon TFH moved into a new assembly area vicinity F-894678 for the purpose of maintenance and refitting while the 1st Bn 7th Inf., 1st Bn 949 Inf., 59th F.A. Bn., and the 756 Tank Bn., reverted to control of their parent organizations. At the same time TFH was detached from the SSF and reverted to II Corps control, and the force moved to a new assembly area, vicinity F-830636, in the early morning (6 June). The 3rd Bn 13AR rejoined at this location and the period 6 - 7 June was devoted to rest, maintenance and rehabilitation. On the afternoon of 7 June TFH was attached to the 85th Division, and in the early evening moved, upon orders, to a new assembly area vicinity F-690968. While TFH was in this area the following units were attached: 760th Tank Bn (-A Co), 776 TD Bn (-B Co), 59th F.A. Bn., 117th Ren Sqdrn (-C Troop), A Co 310 Engr's, and 1st Bn 337 Inf. The 88th and 3rd Divisions were to continue the attack to the N in the general direction followed by highway 6, to capture the eastern exits of ROE and cut off and destroy the retreating Germans, while TFH was to attack in the zone of action of the two divisions. Ren elements of the 117 Ren Sqdrn moved out at 0500 hrs (8 June) along highway 2, to the N and W, with the 3rd Bn 13AR in close support and followed by the 337th Infantry. Progress was slow due to blocked roads and craters, but no contact was made with the onomy until 0842 hrs. At this time advance reconnaissance elements began receiving heavy caliber direct fire from a point NE of the town of SUTRI, and the force was unable to continue the advance because of a blown bridge across the railroad track. Heavier resistance was met by our force from the shores of LAKE DI VICO, NE of the town of MONTEGLIONE, consisting mainly of SP guns and infantry. Attempts to outflank this position with tanks of H company 13AR was unsuccessful because of terrain obstacles, and it was late afternoon before a platoon of tanks could work forward to a position from which it could place fire on the onomy positions. This fire, plus that of several TP's, forced the onomy to abandon his position and withdraw a short distance but he continued to contest our advance strongly with S/A and A/T fire. With the fall of darkness plans were made to continue the pursuit during the night and following day. The 1st Bn 337 Inf., dispatched one company to move via the E side of LAKE DI VICO and secure the road bend NE of MONTEGLIONE (F-504193) while another company was to actively patrol during the night to determine onomy strength E of point F-504193. No contact was reported during the night, and at 0500 hrs the following morning (9 June) the 3rd Bn 13AR moved to the vicinity of point F-504193. Companies G and H remained in reserve while

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Company I continued the advance along the general line F-480197 - 454217 to reach the road running N to VITERBO, where it was hoped the company would be able to cut retreating enemy forces. The cross-country route to the road was very difficult to maneuver and considerable time was lost before the tanks were able to reach the VITERBO road. At 1225 hrs, the tanks were approaching the town without encountering any opposition, but upon orders from the G.C. 85 Div., the advance was halted and TFH instructed to await further orders. Units remained in position until 2140 hrs, at which time TFH reverted to 1st A.D. control. On the morning of 10 June the 3rd Bn, Hq 13AR, and B Co 636 TD Bn moved to rear assembly area vicinity G-529881, while other units which had comprised TFH reverted to their parent organizations.

On 10 June all organizations of the regiment closed in the new bivouac area vicinity LAGO DI BRACCIANO (F-529882), all units of the division being assembled in the same general vicinity. The period 10 - 17 June was devoted to rest, rehabilitation, and maintenance of vehicles, and officers and men were given an opportunity to visit the city of ROMA.

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Lt. Col., 13th A.R..
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15 June - 17 July 44

On 16 June 1944, at approximately 1100 hrs, the regiment moved from bivouac in the vicinity of LAKE BRACCOLANO and began the move to the North, closing in bivouac in the vicinity of TARQUINIA in the late afternoon of that day. The movement to the North continued on 17 June and 20 June, and the regiment assembled in the general area E-670560. 21 June was devoted to extensive maintenance of vehicles and rest. For the coming operations Reconnaissance Company, 1st Battalion and 3rd Battalion were detached from the regiment and attached to Combat Command "B", while the remaining organizations of the regiment, plus the 93rd F.A. Bn., 1st Bn 6th Inf Regt., 701 T.D. Bn (-B & C Co's), companies D and G of the 1st AR., and one platoon Company C 16th Eng Bn., were placed in Division Reserve under the command of Colonel Howe. Orders were issued for the employment of the reserve C, and on 22 June the force (now Task Force Howe) moved to an assembly area approximately 10 miles North of the town of CROCIATO. Recon Company, 701st T.D. Bn., was immediately pushed out with the mission of reconnoitering the routes North to the town of MONTIASSI, along the general area indicated. The general plan was for TFH to advance N up the center of the division sector, with C/C "A" on the right and C/C "B" on the left. The progress of our reconnaissance elements was steady and by 1300 hours elements had reached the general line of the road between the towns of MONTIASSI and ROCCASTRADA. Little resistance was met until reconnaissance pushed on beyond MONTIASSI but here it suddenly encountered a strong enemy force of tanks, armored cars, and infantry and was driven back to the town. Other reconnaissance elements encountered enemy tanks at E-588890 and was forced to fall back, while a third force was halted by a minefield at E-624937. The main body of TFH, meanwhile, had jumped off at 1300 hours and proceeded to the MONTIASSI - ROCCASTRADA road. Light, small arms and artillery fire was the only opposition encountered. The terrain in this vicinity was extremely rough and hills restricted the movement of vehicles off the road. While our reconnaissance elements were falling back, Company D, 13AR., under the command of Capt. Gleson, pushed N toward the town of SASSOFORTINO with the mission of cutting the lateral road which ran through that town. As this force neared its objective it suddenly came upon a force of German infantry assembled alongside the road, preparing, as was later found out, to launch an attack down the road on which the Gleson force was advancing. The enemy was taken by surprise, and the tank gunners lost no time in bringing all available weapons to bear on them. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the German force, and it was disorganized and routed. With the fall of darkness the Gleson force moved into positions astride the lateral road and remained there throughout the night. During the night TFH regrouped into two assault forces with which to continue the attack the following morning. Each force consisted of one reconnaissance platoon, one Infantry platoon, one medium tank platoon, one light tank platoon, and one squad of engineers. The reconnaissance platoons were taken from Company "G", 81st Recon Bn., which had been assigned to the 1st AR. The Fight force, commanded by Major [redacted] was assigned the mission of moving NW along the road out of SASSOFORTINO toward the town of BOCCIGLIANO, clearing all enemy from the road. The left force, under the command of 1st Lt. [redacted] of the MONTIASSI hill mass to the RJ approx 1 mile [redacted] of the right force was moving. [redacted] on 23 June, but progress was very slow and [redacted] infantry y. and AT guns. Tanks were restricted to the road by the rough terrain and

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much time was lost in waiting for the engineers to construct by-passes around demolished bridges and craters in the road. A considerable number of enemy infantry was encountered by the right force in the wooded slopes bordering the road, but these were taken care of by our artillery and infantry. Casualties were inflicted (number unknown) and some prisoners were taken. In the early afternoon our O.P.'s reported seeing enemy troops moving into TATTI, a small town located on the road up which the Clay force was advancing. Artillery fire was brought to bear on the town, but when advance elements of the Clay force reached the outskirts of town (1600H) they found it strongly defended by enemy infantry and AT guns. Our tanks pushed into the narrow streets of the town but were forced to withdraw when enemy infantrymen, hiding in the upper stories of the buildings, began throwing grenades at the open tank turrets and snipers attempted to pick off the tank commanders. Withdrawing to the edge of town the tank gunners proceeded to pour heavy fire into the buildings. Tanks and infantry again moved into town and sharp fighting took place, with considerable casualties being inflicted on the enemy, including 2 AT guns knocked out. By 2100H the Germans had been driven out and the town secured, but the tanks were unable to proceed to the N because demolition of buildings in the town had blocked the streets and go by-pass could be located. The enemy's use of demolitions was very skillful - on one occasion, when the tanks were in town, one of them was trapped in a narrow street when the Germans blew up a building in front of the tank and another one just behind it. The tank was almost buried under the debris, but none of the crew was injured and the tank was later recovered. Our infantry pushed on N of the town to the high ground but continued to meet opposition from small arms, mortar, and machine gun fire. The town was secured, however, and the engineers worked throughout the night clearing a path through town over which the tanks could advance. The right force had also met stiff resistance throughout the day, and sharp fighting developed in several places. Known losses inflicted on the enemy during the day included; one MK VI tank, 4 AT guns, 4 x 20 mm AA guns, and 8 vehicles of various types.

Both forces continued the advance on the morning of 24 June, meeting little resistance initially. The Clay force was halted at V-562907, however, by demolitions and enemy infantry supported by tanks and artillery. The force continued to receive a large amount of artillery fire, plus direct fire from the enemy tanks, and since the vehicles were road bound due to terrain difficulties the force withdrew a short distance just before dark. Our artillery continued to place heavy artillery fire on enemy troops and tanks throughout the afternoon. Resistance to the advance of the right force stiffened as the day progressed, and forward movement was slow due to the presence of considerable infantry forces, who had to be cleaned up before our troops could move on. Since the bulk of the German infantry seemed to be located in the right force's zone of advance, Colonel Howe ordered a company of the 6th Inf to move across country from the left force to join and strengthen the right. Infantry of the right force continued to engage German infantry on the high ground flanking the road and by 2100 hours had reached a point vicinity V-561915 and were attempting to outflank resistance at the RT just W of that point. Heavy fighting resulted, but by 2400H our forces had taken and secured this objective after inflicting considerable casualties on the enemy, including one MK VI tank, and one SP gun. The remaining enemy forces withdrew under cover of darkness and the two forces of TTH joined the following morning (25 June) at the left column objective (RT). The area was found to be heavily mined, and some time was lost before elements of the left force pushed on to the NW toward the small town of PRATA. Only slight opposition was met, however, and by 0935H the town had been seized and secured. The TTH force continued to occupy the town until the arrival of elements of G/O TTH (1330H) from the W.

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This force moved through the town and pushed on to the N. The right force of TFF, meanwhile, had pushed on up the road to the N (E of PAPA), but encountered stiff opposition all along the way, mainly from enemy infantry. The 2nd Bn 361st Inf Regt (attached the previous night) made good progress moving across country, however, and by 1300 hours had reached and secured the bridge at V-586951. TFF forces were regrouped and one column (left) proceeded on toward the town of MONTIERI while the other force (right) moved toward the town of CHIUSDINO. Enemy resistance to the advance of both forces was stiff, and demolitions and mines made progress slow. A blown bridge at V-579973 forced the left force to halt until a by-pass could be constructed, but the infantry continued to move forward on MONTIERI from the S and W. The right column had reached the vicinity of V-606968 by 2200 hrs. Our right force was ready at first light (27 June) to move in again on CHIUSDINO, but the advance was delayed because of the uncertainty of the situation 2000 yds SE of town, where a force from C/C "A" was believed to be located. Contact was made with this force (which had moved up during the early morning). The C/C "A" force was assigned the mission (by Div Hqtr's) of attacking CHIUSDINO from the S, supported by fire from TFF right force from its positions S and SW of town. This support was not necessary, however, for the only opposition encountered by the C/C "A" force was demolitions and demolitions. Light elements of this force pushed on through the town and to the N. While the C/C "A" force continued on to the N the TFF force withdrew to the SW to RJ on the main axis of advance. Meanwhile, the TFF center force was driving forward from its positions of the previous night (via Q-565011) toward a group of buildings 500 yds to the NE, but progress was slow due to mines and demolitions. As this force worked its way forward to the vicinity of Q-574024 it suddenly encountered several enemy tanks and a considerable force of enemy infantry. In the ensuing fire fight two enemy tanks were destroyed and casualties inflicted on the infantry, but German tanks, AT guns and artillery continued to place heavy fire on our forces, and mines and demolitions made progress very slow. A large crater in the road at Q-565010 held up the advance of vehicles until a bulldozer could be brought forward to fill the hole, for the terrain bordering the road at this point was so rough that vehicles could not by-pass the crater. Progress during the afternoon was very slow due to difficult terrain and opposition from enemy infantry, AT guns, and snipers, but large numbers of German vehicles were observed withdrawing over the road not to the North. Cmb planes and F.O's directed heavy artillery fire against these columns and, according to later reports by PW's inflicted considerable casualties on the enemy forces. By late afternoon the main force had progressed approximately 3000 yds N from the point where the attack started in the morning, and was still encountering sniper fire from the high ground along the axis of advance. This opposition was mopped up by our light elements, but progress was slow due to the nature of the terrain and the large number of mines being encountered. Reconnaissance elements of the 701st T.D. Bn., moving W from MONTIERI during the morning, made contact with elements of C/C "B" vicinity RJ V-543983 at 1100 hrs. This force encountered no opposition during its move W and after making contact with C/C "B" returned to the TFF main axis of advance.

The slow advance along the main axis continued throughout the night and morning of 28 June, but the enemy had effectively covered his withdrawal with the usual mines, craters, demolished bridges, and troops fanned across the road. Infantry elements moved on ahead of the tanks, encountering some resistance from small arms and artillery fire. Our artillery was active against enemy targets, mainly groups of infantry and AT guns. By late morning our tanks were just S of the town of MONTICEROLI and were shelling it

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preparatory to the assault. Our infantry and tanks moved in on the town shortly after noon and by 1400 hours had taken and secured it. The force then took up overwatching positions on the CR, (Q-600090) several hundred yds to the NE on which a C/C "A" force was advancing along a road parallel to the E of the TFH axis of advance. These overwatching positions were retained throughout the afternoon while C/C "A" moved to CR and continued on to the N toward the town of CASONE. Heavy enemy artillery fire continued to fall in the area during the late afternoon and night, including some Nebelwerfer fire. While dismounted reconnaissance and security elements moved from the CR out the road to the W (toward CECINA RIVER) engineers cleared mines from the area around the CR at Q-600090 in order that our tanks would be able to push W on toward the CECINA RIVER. The advance was continued the following morning (29 June) at 0500 hrs, with two assault groups moving W toward the CECINA RIVER. The N force was commanded by Capt Clay, 12AR, while 1st Lt. Farhan was in command of the force to the S. Both forces were made up of Ren tanks, infantry and engineers. The north force encountered extensive mines and demolitions along its axis of advance and progress was very slow. Meanwhile, a platoon of TD's had been dispatched to move several hundred yds N on the road to RABICONDOLI to protect the TFH right flank and remain in position until contact was made with a C/C "A" flank force which was moving W and S along that road.

at 1532 hrs at Q-585108. The S force made good progress throughout the day despite mines and demolitions, and by mid afternoon had reached the town of ANZIA without encountering opposition; but here the force was stopped by a blown bridge (Q-527073) and considerable time was lost before a by-pass could be prepared. Due to the extensive demolitions and minefields tanks of the N force had made practically no progress, even though the infantry had pushed on without opposition. In the late afternoon a trail was located just N of, and parallel to, the main road, so the tanks of the force moved over to this trail and continued to advance to the W. Due to the difficult terrain progress was very slow, but by 2000 hrs it had reached the main road and pushed on to the N, reaching and securing the RJ at Q-529125 and the high ground to the N by 2200 hrs. The only opposition encountered was from enemy artillery fire. The S force, meanwhile, had by-passed the blown bridge and moved N, following the N force.

TFH remained in position during the night but pushed on again the following morning (30 June). Some time was lost in waiting for a C/C "A" force to pass through our positions. C/C "A", on our right, had been stopped the previous day by extensive demolitions that would require considerable work before heavy elements could move on, so in order to save time a C/C "A" force was sent W to pass through TFH, move N and cross the CECINA RIVER at Q-548159, and thence E to the C/C "A" axis of advance at the town of MESSANO. TFH meanwhile was to continue the advance to the W of SAN DALMATO, one force moving N from there to the CECINA RIVER while another force continued W to the highway at Q-479144, there to make contact with the C/C "B" force driving N on the town of POGGIARINGS. When the C/C "A" force had cleared our positions the advance continued, meeting no opposition. At Q-528127 the side of the hill (along which the road passed) had been blown away, and considerable time was lost in constructing a by-pass. Moving on when the by-pass was completed the column encountered a blown bridge and extensive minefield at the next stream crossing, forcing another delay until the mines could be cleared away. Up to this point, however, no enemy resistance had been encountered, and when a path was finally made through the minefield TFH continued on to the town of SAN DALMATO (Q-505129), securing it by 1115 hrs. At this point the force split, the right column (Capt Clay) proceeding directly N along toward the CECINA RIVER crossing, vicinity Q-503127 and the left force (Lt Farhan) continuing to the W with the mission of contacting the C/C "B" force moving N along the road,

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(approximately 3500 yds W of SAN DAMAZIO), toward POMBANCE.

Both forces made slow progress because of mines, demolitions, and bad roads, but no enemy contact was made. By late afternoon Capt. Clay's force had advanced to a point just S of the CECINA RIVER, but here they were taken under fire by heavy caliber artillery and direct fire from the high ground N of the river. Fire was returned by our force as it pushed on to cross the river bed by dark and secure the high ground on the N side. Lt. Parham's force, meanwhile, had made contact with G/C "B" and then moved NW to the CECINA RIVER in the vicinity Q-485200 (NW of where Capt. Clay's force had crossed). Only light elements of the Parham force were able to get across the stream bed during the night due to the nature of the stream bed, but a crossing was prepared by the engineers and soon after first light (1 July) the tanks were able to move across. Enemy resistance in the vicinity had died down except for artillery fire, and the Parham and Clay forces moved to point Q-498206. From this position it was planned to push on to the N to cut the lateral road running into the town of VOLTERRA. This axis of advance was through very difficult terrain, and vehicles were forced to move single file along the one trail leading N. The Clay force moved out first along the trail, with the Parham force waiting to follow. Progress was slow from the start because a large number of mines were encountered and had to be removed, and the trail became more difficult as the advance proceeded. It was necessary to use picks and shovels to dig down the banks alongside the trail before the tanks could progress, and the rate of advance was approximately 50-75 yards an hour. The main force continued to receive enemy artillery fire, and forward light elements encountered considerable enemy infantry opposition from the wooded slopes bordering the trail. A few prisoners were taken and some casualties inflicted, by mid-day the main body had been able to advance only 1500-2000 yds, and it became evident that the force would not be able to reach the vicinity of the Highway 68 (the lateral highway into VOLTERRA) that day. By early afternoon the Parham force was able to get by the tail of the Clay force and move along another trail from Q-498209 to the NW in the direction of the town of MAZZOLA. This force also experienced great difficulty in moving along the trail to the NW but found this going a little better when the high ground (Q-493222) was reached. Advance elements pushed on toward the town of MAZZOLA in the late afternoon but were forced to withdraw when they received heavy enemy artillery, tank, and machine gun fire from the town. Three of our tanks (supporting the infantry) were knocked out and the infantry suffered small casualties. Because of heavy enemy fire and his strong position in town the Parham force withdrew several hundred yds to the S to reorganize. Heavy concentrated enemy artillery fire continued to fall on both forces during the late afternoon and early evening and both withdrew slightly to the S and remained in position for the night. Both forces moved N again at first light (2 July), the Parham force moving on the town of MAZZOLA while the Clay force drove N in an attempt to reach a trail (Q-503238) that led NW toward the town. The left force encountered enemy artillery fire during the initial stages of the advance and progress was very slow due to terrain difficulties, some tanks being forced out of action because of thrown tracks. The force, however, continued to work its way forward over the open terrain SE of town despite flat trajectory fire. To the E the Clay force was continuing to work its way forward, but progress was very slow due to the terrain and enemy fire. Enemy infantry continued to contest the advance, and some PW's were taken and casualties inflicted. By noon some tanks of the Parham force had reached a point 1500 yds SE of town, but they continued to receive heavy enemy fire, both from MAZZOLA and the high ground to the N and NE. Artillery of the 93rd F.A. Bn., kept the town and suspected enemy gun positions under heavy fire

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throughout the morning, but the enemy continued to resist strongly. The Clay force, after heavy going, finally reached the trail running NE into MAZZOLA but upon attempting to move up this trail ran into a minefield bracketed on both sides by heavy artillery fire. One infantry platoon which had been dropped off to protect the right flank, ran into considerable trouble in the wooded area on the right where an estimated one to two companies of German infantry was encountered. In the resulting fire fight casualties were inflicted on the enemy and 18 prisoners taken. The main body after losing 5 tanks and some infantry had been forced to withdraw approximately 300 yds from the location where the minefield was encountered because of heavy artillery and direct fire, but additional infantry was dispatched to the right flank to strengthen the platoon engaged there. By 1830 hours some tanks and infantry of the Farham force had pushed into the town of MAZZOLA and an darkness fall both the Farham force and the Clay force were consolidating their positions. Engineers worked during the night removing mines, and infantry patrols were pushed out to the N of MAZZOLA in the vicinity of highway 68. Considerable enemy artillery continued to fall on our forward elements during the night, and patrols reported enemy activity along highway 68. Recovery parties worked on and evacuated disabled vehicles under cover of darkness. Nine tanks were encountered but they were destroyed or disabled on the field. Throughout the following day (3 July) the two main forces remained in the same positions, occupied on the previous night, consolidating positions and removing mines. Patrols of the 2nd Bn 361 Inf were active during the day to the N, NE, and E of MAZZOLA and contact was made with enemy elements. Upon orders from higher headquarters steps were initiated for the withdrawal of all forces of TFH, S of the CECINA RIVER, and by dark the bulk of the forces had fallen back to the new positions. OP's and strong points were established along a high ridge at Q-458217 - Q-470220, while the 2nd Bn 13AR and Ron Co 13AR, (attached during day to TFH) moved into a defensive position vicinity Q-599499 to prevent enemy movement S in the zone. During the early morning (4 July) the 2nd Bn 361 Inf Regt., was released from TFH preparatory to returning to its parent unit, and later in the day the 1st Bn 6th Inf Regt and D Co 1st AR, were also relieved. Thus TFH was left with only three reconnaissance companies, one tank battalion, and one artillery battalion. Action during the day was limited to active patrolling by Co C 81st Ren Bn., to the E and NE of MAZZOLA. TFH still in defensive position on 5 July, but patrols were pushed out to the N and OP's were maintained. A mounted reconnaissance patrol from Co C 81st Ren Bn moved out in the early morning toward the town of MAZZOLA, advancing over the route previously used by the Farham force in its drive on MAZZOLA. The mission of this patrol was to move to the town and push on, if possible, to the lateral road (Hwy 68) running into VOLTERRA. Another Recon force, commanded by 1st Lt. Nelson, Ron Co 13AR, was ordered to move NE along the road from Q-453205 to the RJ at Q-418240, thence E along the road toward VOLTERRA, with the mission of determining whether or not the enemy still occupied VOLTERRA. Another foot patrol was dispatched to move across country between those two mounted patrols to try and reach highway 68 SE of VOLTERRA and determine if the Germans were still holding the road. Lt Nelson's force moved along its proscribed route to a point approximately 3000 yds SE of VOLTERRA, but heavy enemy artillery fire forced the patrol to dismount at this point and work its way forward on foot along a wadi bordering the road. Upon reaching a fork in the wadi (200 yds S of the CR at Q-470280) the force split into two patrols, one moving up the right fork and the other up the left. The right patrol, as it worked forward, was suddenly taken under small arms fire from the front and flank. Of the 9 men in this patrol only 4 were able to escape, the others being killed or captured. The left patrol, which had worked forward to a point near the RJ, was surrounded by an estimated force of 30-40 Germans, and in the resulting fire fight the entire patrol was

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Killed or captured. The remaining reconnaissance force was receiving heavy artillery fire and was unable to withdraw until after dark. During the afternoon the reconnaissance force moving on Mazzoia reached the town, but continued to receive very heavy artillery fire. The town was kept under almost constant fire during the afternoon and night, and with the fall of darkness the patrol withdrew, without casualties, to the zone. Listening posts and security patrols were maintained in the sector during the night, but no contact was reported. The TFH sector was quiet during the period 6-7 July, with action limited to dismounted patrols to the N and the NW. On the night of 7-8 July responsibility in the sector passed from TFH to the 349 RCT of the 88th Div. Ren Co 701st TD Bn., Co C, 16th Engr's Bn and Co C 81st Ren Bn were relieved from attached to TFH and reverted to their present organizations, while the other organizations of TFH remained in position S of the CECINA RIVER awaiting orders for movement to the new Division area.

The period 8-9 July was devoted to rest and maintenance. Company "D" 13AR continued to support the attack of the 349 RCT to the N and E of VOLTEIRA but engaged in little action because terrain difficulties and demolitions hindered forward movement in the zone of advance. In the late afternoon (9 July) Company "D" was relieved by elements of the 760th Tank Battalion and withdrew to the area S of the town. On the night of 10-11 July the 13AR moved to the vicinity of the town of BOLGHERI. The regiment was assembled in the general area Q-249093 for the first time since 22 June. The period 12,13,14 July was devoted to establishing camp, rest, and maintenance.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTY-FIFTH ARMORED REGIMENT
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18 June 1944.

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS

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1. 13th A.R. with C Co 701st TD Bn attached marches to an assembly area vicinity TARQUINIA (45 mi) (see attached overlay) on 19 June 1944 and continues movement 20 June to area to be announced.

2. a. MARCH TABLE:

Serial #1	UNIT	REACH IP #1	CLEAR IP #1	ARRIVE TCP MANZIANA	ARRIVE TCP RJ F-168952
March Unit #1	Hq Co	1130	1140	1150	1430
" #2	Hq Co	1141	1150	1200	1440
" #3	Rot Co	1151	1200	1210	1450

Serial #2	UNIT	REACH	CLEAR	ARRIVE TCP	ARRIVE TCP
March Unit #5	Sv Co	1230	1245	1250	1530
" #6	1 Bn 13th	1246	1300	1305	1545
" #7	1 Bn 13th	1301	1315	1320	1600
" #8	1 Bn 13th	1316	1330	1335	1615

Serial #3	UNIT	REACH	CLEAR	ARRIVE TCP	ARRIVE TCP
March Unit #9	3 Bn 13th	1345	1400	1405	1645
" #10	3 Bn 13th	1401	1415	1420	1700
" #11	3 Bn 13th	1416	1430	1435	1715
" #12	C Co 701st	1431	1445	1450	1730

Serial #4	UNIT	REACH	CLEAR	ARRIVE TCP	ARRIVE TCP
March Unit #13	2 Bn 13th	1500	1515	1520	1800
" #14	2 Bn 13th	1515	1530	1535	1815
" #15	2 Bn 13th	1531	1545	1550	1830
" #16	Bal of Maint & Medics	1545	1600	1605	1845

b. IP: RJ F-480905.

c. Route: MANZIANA - ALLUMIERE - RJ F-199945 - RJ F-168952 -

TARQUINIA.

d. Traffic Control: Div MP Co.

e. Rate of March: Maximum speed of leading vehicle of each march unit 15 MPH.

f. Distance between vehicles: 120 yds; between units: none; between serials: 15 minutes.

g. Halts: None scheduled; car commanders will take advantage of unscheduled halts to check vehicles.

h. During hours of darkness headlights will be used.

i. Serial commanders will be the commanding officers of the first march unit in each serial.

j. Serial commanders will report to TCPs (see March Table) 10 minutes prior to arrival of head of their columns.

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k. Convoy No. IV-6N-148 will be plainly printed on front and rear of each vehicle.

~~l. A blue flag will be carried by the lead vehicle of each march serial and a green flag will be carried by the last vehicle.~~

m. All other Fifth Army convoy regulations will be strictly adhered to.

n. Serial representatives will report to Lt. Loew at IP fifteen (15) minutes prior to arrival of head of their column at IP.

3. a. Radio silence will be observed from beginning of movement until further orders!

b. Cmdrs will assure themselves by rigid inspection that no excess baggage or impedimenta is carried fwd of this area. Cmdrs who fail to comply with above will be subject to punishment under AW-104 or to trial by court-martial.

c. Cots, (and captured cots) to include those issued to NCOs, and those issued to all officers except field officers and company commanders, will be stored in the present area. This instruction will be enforced by careful inspection.

4. Administrative Instructions (attached).

5. General Instructions:

a. CO Hq Co will make the necessary arrangements with CO 3rd Bn to have Regt Hqtrs tanks (4) march in 3rd Bn column.

b. CO Ren Co will make the necessary arrangements with CO 1st Bn to have Ren Co light tanks (6) and M-8 (3) march in 1st Bn column.

c. CO 1st Bn will make the necessary arrangements with CO 2nd Bn to have 1st Bn T-2s march in 2nd Bn column.

d. Billiting parties will assemble at Regt Hqtrs at 190900Z, prepared to precede the column. They will report to Lt. Roucher at destination for instructions.

e. Seven (7) maintenance vehicles from Mint Co plus 2nd Bn medical detachment will follow at the rear of the column to furnish necessary First Aid and maintenance.

6. S-3 Periodic Reports covering 1600 hrs to 1600 hrs will be submitted to this Hqtrs prior to 1700 hrs daily until further notice.

7. CP 13th AR closes at 191100Z. New location to be announced.

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18 June 44

Adm. Instructions (To Accompany Operations Instructions #4).

I Supply:

- a. Rations - (1) Units will depart from present area carrying two (2) Type B rations for consumption enroute.
(2) Reserve - 2 C and 1 D to be carried in vehicles.
(3) Locations of Div Class I truckhead to be announced.
(4) Tank crews travelling by transporter will carry sufficient rations to maintain themselves until they rejoin parent organization.

b. Fuel and Lubricants: Replenishment of fuel consumed enroute from Class III truckhead in vicinity Div Trains bivouac in final assembly area. Opens 19 June 44. Units will depart from present area with full vehicular tanks and F. and L. sections.

c. Water - Div Engr will establish water points in intermediate and final assembly areas - Exact location to be announced.

d. Ammo - (1) Units depart with full vehicular loads and combat trains.
(2) Army Class V Supply Point No. C4-47 at F-170953. Location of Adv. Truckheads to be announced.

e. Other supplies: B.O.P.

II Evacuation:

a. Personnel -

(1) Tank Transporter Columns: - One ambulance will accompany each Tank Transporter column. Unit having major portion of vehicles in column will furnish medical personnel. Ambulance to be furnished by 47th Med Bn.

(2) Overland serials: By units to A/47th Arm'd Med Bn.

(3) Location of Hospitals: - 95rd Evac at A-170010
95th Evac at A-053188

b. Vehicles: - By units to R.M. or platoon of A/Maint Bn.

c. Burials: - During march, bodies will be evacuated by units to Div Quartermaster - located at F-482900.

III Traffic: Omitted.

IV Trains: Units baggage trucks will assemble at Service Co. by 1800 hrs. 18 June 44 and become part of combat trains.

V Personnel: Omitted.

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a. Baggage: To be stored in Div Warehouse - Located at F-492916 commencing at 1500 hrs 19 Jun 44. Each Company will leave two men for labor detail in present area with baggage to be stored. These men will rejoin their organizations when turn in is completed.

b. Mail: A.P.O. located Rear Echelon Div Hqrs. (Vicinity Div Trains).

c. Rear Echelon: Location to be announced.

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19 June 1944

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS)

NUMBER.....5)

1. 13th AR with C Co 701st TD Bn attached marches to an assy area vicinity E-6 50520 on 20 June 1944.

2. a. March Table:

<u>Serial #1</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>REACH IP (RT A-066143)</u>	<u>REACH CHECK POINT (E-912263)</u>	<u>ASSEMBLY AREA REACH</u>
March Unit #1	Hq Co	0730	0825	1020
" #2	Ron Co	0745	0840	1035
" #3	Serv Co	0800	0855	1050
" #4	Serv Co	0815	0910	1105
<u>Serial #2</u>				
March Unit #5	1st Bn	0845	0940	1135
" #6	1st Bn	0900	0955	1150
" #7	1st Bn	0915	1010	1205
" #8	3rd Bn	0930	1025	1220
<u>Serial #3</u>				
March Unit #9	3rd Bn	1000	1055	1250
" #10	3rd Bn	1015	1110	1305
" #11	C 701 TD Bn	1030	1125	1320
" #12	2nd Bn 13 AR	1045	1140	1335
<u>Serial #4</u>				
March Unit #13	2nd Bn 13 AR	1115	1210	1405
" #14	2nd Bn 13 AR	1130	1225	1420
" #15	2nd Bn 13 AR	1145	1240	1435
" #16	Maint Co	1200	1255	1450

b. IP: RJ A-066143.

c. Route: VI Highway #1 - RJ 677439 - via E-650520.

d. Traffic Control: Div MP Co.

e. Rate of March: Maximum speed of leading vehicle of each march unit 15 MPH.

f. Distance Between Vehicles: 50 yards; between march units; minimum 300 yds.

g. Halts: None scheduled; car commanders will take advantage of unscheduled halts to check vehicles.

h. Present Light Line on Highway #1, RJ E-677439; blackout lights will be used during hours of darkness beyond this point.

i. Units will report closure in new areas.

j. Serial commanders will be the commanding officers of the first march unit in each serial.

k. Convoy No. IV-6N-159 will be plainly printed on front and rear of each vehicle.

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1. A blue flag will be carried by the lead vehicle of each march serial and a green flag will be carried by the last vehicle.

m. All other Fifth Army convoy regulations will be strictly adhered to.

n. Serial representatives will report to a representative of this Headquarters at IP fifteen (15) minutes prior to arrival of head of their column at IP.

3. Radio silence until further orders.

4. Btry "A" 494 AAA Bn will provide anti-aircraft protection and will be allowed to infiltrate into the column.

5. Administrative instructions (no change)

6. Refer to General Instructions paragraph 5 a, b, and c of Operations Instructions #4, this Hqtr's dated 18 June 1944.

~~Serial representatives will report to a representative of this Headquarters at IP fifteen (15) minutes prior to arrival of head of their column at IP.~~
they will report to Lt. Smith, prepared to precede the column. They will report to Lt Boucher at destination for instructions.

7. CP 13AR closes at 200700B. New location to be announced.

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21 Jun 1944

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #6.

1. Units of Division Reserve march to an assembly area vicinity E-620835 (see attached overlay) on 22 June 1944.

2. a. March Table :

March Unit	UNIT	REACH IP E-660605	CLEAR IP
" #1	Hq Co	0600	0615
" #2	2nd Bn	0615	0630
" #3	2nd Bn	0630	0645
" #4	2nd Bn	0645	0700
" #5	701 TD	0700	0715
" #6	701 TD	0715	0730
" #8	1st Bn 6 th Inf	0730	0745
" #9	1st Bn 6th Inf	0800	0815
" #10	Serv Co	0815	0830
" #11	Serv Co	0830	0845
" #12	Maint Co	0845	0900

b. IP: E-660605.

c. Route: CROSSETO - RJ E-6-0779h.

d. Rate of March: Maximum speed of leading vehicle of each march unit: 15 mph.

e. Distance between vehicles: 50 yds.

f. Halts: None scheduled.

g. Convoy No. IV-6N-183 will be plainly printed on front and rear of each vehicle.

h. A blue flag will be carried by the lead vehicle and a green flag will be carried by the last vehicle.

i. All other Fifth Army convoy regulations will be strictly adhered to.

j. Steel helmets will be worn.

k. Billeting parties from Hq Co, Serv Co, Maint Co, and 2nd Bn will report to Lt. Boucher at 220445B at Regt'l Hqtrs. Billeting parties from 701 TD and 1st Bn 6th Inf will report to Lt Boucher at 220500B at RJ E-660605.

l. 2nd Bn will provide one (1) ambulance with necessary medical personnel to follow at rear of column.

m. Units will report closure in new area.

n. Light Line: From a point on beach E-622465 point on Highway No 1 at E-660490 thence to MONTIANO (E-722527) thence south of Road MONTIANO - SCANSANO (E-815570) thence south of Road SCANSANO - ROCCALBEGNA to point on Corps boundary E-915625.

3. CP 13th AR closes at 220545. New location to be announced.

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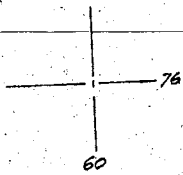
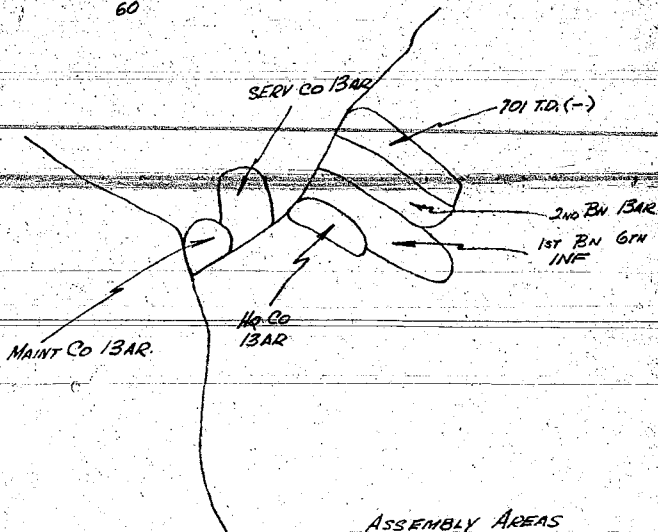
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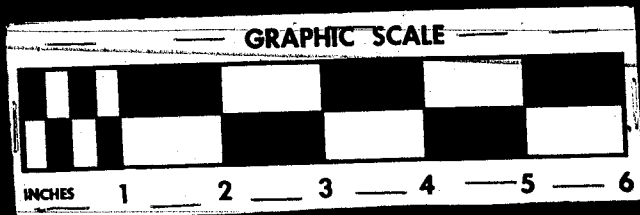
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APO - 251 c/o Postmaster - N.Y.**

In the Field
11 July 1944

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS)

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1. 13th A.B. with C Co 1st AB attached marches to an assembly area vicinity Q-246093 (see attached overlay) on 12 July 1944.

2. a. March Table:

	MARCH UNIT	REACH	REACH	REACH RJ	REACH
		TP	SALINE	Q-300211	DESTINATION
1.	HQ Co 13AR	0700	0740	0830	1000
2.	Ron Co 13AR	0715	0755	0845	1015
3.	C Co 1st AB	0730	0810	0900	1030
4.	2nd Bn 13AR	0800	0840	0930	1100
5.	2nd Bn 13AR	0830	0910	1008	1130
6.	2nd Bn 13AR	0845	0925	1015	1145
7.	2nd Bn 13AR	0900	0940	1030	1200
b.	RF: Q-454207				
c.	Route of March: RJ Q-473201 to RJ Q417242, Hwy #68 to RJ Q-300211, S to RJ Q-303198 - BIBBONA (Q-237148), S to RJ Q-248107 - bivouac area.				
d.	Rate of March: Maximum speed of leading vehicle of each march unit: 15 MPH.				
e.	Distance between vehicles: 50 yds.				
f.	Halts: None scheduled.				
g.	Convoy number IV - 8 - 322 will be plainly marked on front and rear of each vehicle.				
h.	A blue flag will be carried by the lead vehicle and a green flag will be carried by the last vehicle.				
i.	All other Fifth Army convoy regulations will be strictly adhered to.				
k.	2nd Bn 13AR will provide one (1) ambulance with necessary medical personnel to follow at rear of column.				
l.	Units will report closure in new area.				
m.	Traffic control: Div MP's.				

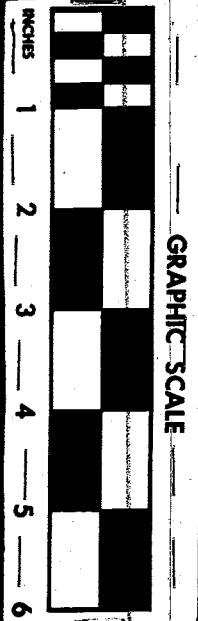
3. CP 13AR closes at 120615B. New location to be announced.

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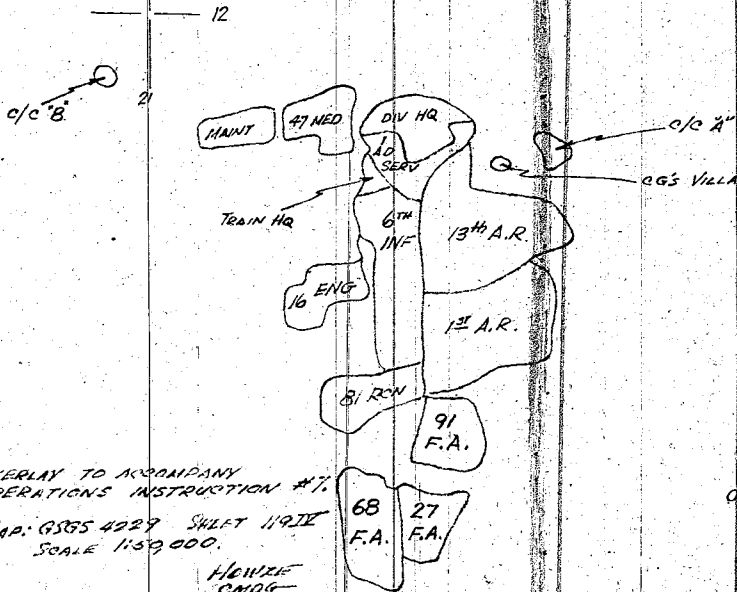
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Office of the Regimental Commander
APO # 251, c/o Postmaster, N. Y., N. Y.

15 July 1944.

DECORATIONS RECEIVED BY PERSONNEL OF THE 13TH ARMED. REGT. DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 16--JULY 15, 1944.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GEN ORDER NO.</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
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Bronze Star Medal

<u>Capt.</u>	<u>Reals, John A.</u>	<u>0584099</u>	<u>Act 22 25244</u>	<u>2-10 May 44</u>
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All personnel reported as Wounded, Injured or Killed in Action were awarded the Purple Heart Medal--see attached Battle Casualty List.

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Casualties Sustained by 13th Arm. Regt., for the period from
16 June 1944 thru 15 July 1944.

NAME	RANK	ASN	CGSN	TYPE OF CASUALTY	DATE	DISPOSITION
Anagnostis, Leonidas (NMI)	Tec 5	14400185	Co. C	LIA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Axen, Raymond A.	Pvt.	36672359	Co. G	LWA	26 June 44	Hospitalized
Bagdanov, Jack D.	Pfc.	39838493	Hq. Co. 1st Bn	LWA	5 July 44	Not Hospitalized
Bare, John L.	Pfc.	39170963	Rcn. Co.	LWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Berle, Jr., Charles A.	Pvt.	32330735	Rcn. Co.	LIA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Beale, John A.	Capt.	0-0384039	Co. H	LWA	22 June 44	Hospitalized
				SWA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Beasley, Stava W.	Tec 5	6666189	Rcn. Co.	KIA	25 June 44	
Beitzel, Harold H.	Pvt.	33098941	Rcn. Co.	LWA	3 July 44	Hospitalized
Belculfine, John A.	Pfc.	33396959	Rcn. Co.	KIA	25 June 44	
Benner, Hulbert H.	2nd. Lt.	0-01683487	Co. I.	LWA	28 June 44	Hospitalized
Beringer, James M.	Pfc.	16125116	Rcn. Co.	MIA	25 June 44	
Betsch, Walter (NMI)	Pvt.	37312720	Med. Det.	LWA	25 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Bieber, Arnold E.	Tec 5	37433519	Co. H	SWA	5 July 44	Hospitalized
Blodgett, Harold F.	Major	0-0307439	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	KIA	6 July 44	
Boggs, Willard (NMI)	Pfc.	35207396	Co. I	MIA	27 June 44	
Boley, William L.	Pvt.	37511378	Co. F	SIA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Bolin, Fred (NMI)	Tec 5	6669639	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	27 June 44	Hospitalized
Bralec, Vincent P.	Tec 5	37081945	Rcn. Co.	MIA	25 June 44	
Brannon, Phillip P.	Pfc.	37101654	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	6 July 44	Hospitalized
Breedon, William R.	Pvt.	33541114	Co. D	LIA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Brown, Elver G.	Pfc.	39675647	Co. B	LWA	5 July 44	Hospitalized
Brown, Everett (NMI)	Tec 5	7040805	Rcn. Co.	LWA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Brown, Kenneth B.	Tec 5	39086776	Co. B	SWA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Buccolo, John R.	Pvt.	32184022	Co. C	LWA	5 July 44	Not Hospitalized
Buie, Hiram G.	Pvt.	37101847	Co. I	KIA	27 June 44	
Burkhart, Elmer F.	S/Sgt.	35260219	Co. A	KIA	26 June 44	
Burnop, Walter R.	Tec 4	35201271	Co. C	LWA	1 July 44	Not Hospitalized
Cairns, Bogardus S.	Lt. Col.	0-018798	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Campbell, Keith D.	1st. Lt.	0-0468416	Co. F	LIA	29 June 44	Hospitalized
Carbajal, Carlos G.	Tec 5	38027136	Med. Det.	SWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Carlsen, Daniel (NMI)	Pvt.	6760065	Co. D	KIA	30 June 44	
Carriaco, Chester L.	Pfc.	7040032	Rcn. Co.	LWA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Calano, Mario (NMI)	Tec 5	32184169	Co. C	LWA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Checketts, Benjamin G.	Tec 4	39675660	Co. B	LWA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Colson, Jack E.	S/Sgt.	39675649	Co. G	LWA	1 July 44	Not Hospitalized

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NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN	TYPE OF CASUALTY	DATE	DISPOSITION
Colvin, Charles E.	Cpl.	15046917	Co. G	LWA	2 July 44	Hospitalized
Combs, Luther L.	Cpl.	38130161	Co. I	LWA	27 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Cowell, Hurl M.	S/Sgt.	18029754	Med. Det.	LWA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Crosby, Horton H.	Cpl.	32136041	Hq. Co. 1st Bn	SWA	5 July 44	Hospitalized
Cummins, Grand J. (MIA)	Sgt.	6669961	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn	LWA	22 June 44	Hospitalized
Davis, Howard W.	Pfc.	32300351	Hq. Co.	LWA	28 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Davis, Tom H.	Pvt.	38060868	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	27 June 44	Hospitalized
Decher, Howard P.	Tec 4	32286181	Co. I	LWA	28 June 44	Hospitalized
Dempsey, George R.	Capt.	0-0452335	Co. I	KIA	28 June 44	
Doherty, Clifford A.	Tec 4	31045137	Co. A	SWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Doherty, Joseph P.	Pvt.	31334197	Co. I	LWA	28 June 44	Hospitalized
Downs Jr., Walter E.	Capt.	0-0432403	Co. A	KIA	26 June 44	
Druchemiller, Fred J.	1st. Lt.	0-01013534	Co. A	KIA	26 June 44	
Dues, John T.	Pfc.	6833070	Ren. Co.	KIA	24 June 44	
Duhme, Edwin H.	2nd. Lt.	0-01683505	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn	LIA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Dunn, Albert W.	1st. Lt.	0-0885748	Co. E	SWA	4 July 44	Hospitalized
Ebert, Fred W.	Pfc.	35129686	Ren. Co.	LWA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Elliott, John C.	Capt.	0-0319341	Co. F	LWA	22 June 44	Hospitalized
Elsih, Gus W.	Sgt.	38027131	Ren. Co.	KIA	25 June 44	
Engle, Richard G.	Tec 5	15043226	Ren. Co.	LIA	24 June 44	Hospitalized
Epping, Jack (MIA)	1st. Lt.	0-0466687	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	27 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Estep Jr., Dan (MIA)	Pfc.	33651790	Co. I	LWA	27 June 44	Hospitalized
Exner, Richard W.	1st. Lt.	0-01013275	Ren. Co.	LWA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Ferguson, Arthur F.	Pvt.	7040654	Co. C	LWA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Fisher, Donald W.	1st. Lt.	0-0451963	Co. G	LWA	24 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Fisher, Edward J.	Sgt.	32180308	Co. A	SWA	26 June 44	Hospitalized
Frettem, Selmer A.	Tec 5	37274037	Ren. Co.	LIA	28 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Friedwald, Herbert (MIA)	Sgt.	32007167	Ren. Co.	KIA	25 June 44	
Frost, Robert W.	Pfc.	33272666	Co. I	LWA	28 June 44	Hospitalized
Fudge, Thomas L.	Pfc.	37221599	Co. A	LWA	26 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Garris, Murray L.	Cpl.	14163289	Co. B	LWA	28 June 44	Hospitalized
Gatewood, Warner L.	S/Sgt.	677242	Co. G	SWA	23 June 44	Hospitalized
Gilliland, Edmon S.	Pvt.	6971561	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn	LWA	3 July 44	Hospitalized
Goldberg, Isidore (MIA)	Pvt.	32217183	Hq. Co. 1st Bn	LWA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Gottlin, Harry (MIA)	Tec 5	32183901	Co. B	LWA	4 July 44	Hospitalized
Greene, Thomas F.	Pvt.	31137451	Hq. Co. 1st Bn	KIA	5 July 44	

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Hadder, William (NMI)	Tec 5	37130014	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	27 June 44	Hospitalized
Hagedorn, Frank W.	Sgt.	37129823	Co. D	LIA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Haguewood, Orien E.	Pfc.	37509838	Co. E	LIA	2 July 44	Hospitalized
Hamilton, Joseph A.	Tec 5	35014432	Ren. Co.	LWA	4 July 44	Not Hospitalized
Hazelrigg, Charles E.	Capt.	0-0325075	Hq. Co.	LIA	27 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Honley, Edward L.	Pvt.	35110451	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn	LWA	26 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Henning, Charles P.	Sgt.	7041703	Ren. Co.	LWA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Henry, Lewis G.	1st. Lt.	0-01013072	Co. I	KIA	27 June 44	
Heronimus, Robert E.	Pvt.	34293110	Co. D	LWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Hesk, Thomas C.	Tec 5	33167423	Co. D	LIA	25 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Jesch, Jr., John J.	Sgt.	33066315	Hq. Co. 1st Bn	LWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Holcomb, Iral M.	Tec 5	14012359	Ren. Co.	LIA	30 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Holt, Henry U.	Sgt.	37101763	Co. I	LIA	27 June 44	Hospitalized
Rugg, Logan E.	Cpl.	39389086	Co. H	LIA	4 July 44	Hospitalized
Huhnke, Francis L.	Pvt.	35152607	Ren. Co.	LWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Humphrey, Roy C.	Sgt.	7040191	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LIA	2 July 44	Hospitalized
Hunter, Arthur P.	S/Sgt.	35166035	Co. E	LWA	26 June 44	Hospitalized
Janus, Raymond P.	Sgt.	36048304	Ren. Co.	LIA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Jendrzewski, Francis J.	Tec 5	33031393	Co. I	LWA	27 June 44	Hospitalized
Johnson, Glabe C.	Tec 5	37101699	Co. I	LIA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Johnson, Delbert D.	Cpl.	15043114	Co. I	LWA	27 June 44	Hospitalized
Joseph, Joe M.	Pfc.	32028587	Co. C	LWA	1 July 44	Not Hospitalized
Killian, James M.	Cpl.	3129930	Co. F	LIA	5 July 44	Hospitalized
Knapp Jr., Michael (NMI)	Sgt.	32026997	Co. F	LWA	4 July 44	Hospitalized on July 6
Korveia, Edwin J.	Pfc.	31076515	Ren. Co.	LWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Kradie, Louis P.	Pvt.	37435268	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn	LIA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Landers, Arlie (NMI)	Pvt.	37602668	Ren. Co.	KIA	30 June 44	
Lauch, Jr., George R.	Cpl.	35443216	Co. C	LWA	5 July 44	Hospitalized
Lisum, Frederick W.	Cpl.	32136218	Co. F	SWA	4 July 44	Hospitalized
Liss, Frank F.	S/Sgt.	3601A000	Co. B	KIA	1 July 44	
Litfin, Vernon H.	S/Sgt.	37159081	Med. Det.	KIA	27 June 44	
Litten Jr., Shirley E.	Pfc.	39289180	Co. B	KIA	5 July 44	
Lunsford, Ray (NMI)	S/Sgt.	6662811	Co. C	LIA	2 July 44	Hospitalized
Lyons, Ray A.	Tec 4	39230065	Ren. Co.	LWA	23 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Maddaloni, Joseph T.	Pvt.	32323551	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	SWA	27 June 44	Hospitalized
Magee, Robert A.	Pvt.	13054351	Hq. Co. 1st Bn	LWA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Marshall, James G.	Pvt.	36162450	Ren. Co.	LIA	30 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Mayo Bazel (NMI)	Tec 5	14016788	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	22 June 44	

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McCarthy, Earl H.	Pfc.	37082416	Rcn. Co.	LWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
McCaffey, T. J.	Pvt.	37101925	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	27 June 44	Hospitalized
Meyers, Robert E.	Tec 4	37082448	Co. C	LWA	1 July 44	Not Hospitalized
Mikulan, Steve A.	Cpl.	35029798	Rcn. Co.	LWA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Miller, Sam (NMI)	Sgt.	37082416	Rcn. Co.	LWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Monroe, Bryan (NMI)	Tec 5	37191887	Co. F	LWA	23 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Morgan, Earl W.	Tec 4	35201216	Co. C	KIA	24 June 44	
Mosher, Stanley J.	Pvt.	32605750	Co. A	LIA	25 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Muckleroy, James E.	Pfc.	38138315	Hq. Co.	LWA	26 June 44	Hospitalized
Murray, George (NMI)	Cpl.	32100558	Co. D	DOWN	25 June 44	
Nassi, Lee I.	Pvt.	32784525	Rcn. Co.	LIA	1 July 44	Not Hospitalized
Nelson, Arthur W.	Tec 5	15012936	Co. I	LWA	28 June 44	Hospitalized
Nelson, Victor L.	Tec 5	39397627	Co. F	LIA	1 July 44	Not Hospitalized
Nettles, Hiram (NMI)	Tec 5	34279162	Co. A	LWA	25 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Nordwig, Louis (NMI)	Pvt.	32764981	Rcn. Co.	LWA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Norris, George A.	Pfc.	37475491	Co. I	LIA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Nugent, Walter H.	Cpl.	39027555	Co. I	LWA	1 July 44	Not Hospitalized
Nunley, Darrell J.	Cpl.	39679389	Co. I	KIA	27 June 44	
Oaks, Clarence E.	Pvt.	37481081	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	24 June 44	Hospitalized
Olsen, Oscar E.	Pfc.	35129700	Rcn. Co.	LIA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Orend, Cornelius (NMI)	S/Sgt	7044463	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	22 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Parrott, Robert H.	Sgt.	7041649	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.	SWA	6 July 44	Hospitalized
Patterson, Walter (NMI)	S/Sgt.	7040416	Co. C	LWA	24 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Paulson, Vernon H.	Pvt.	37474402	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	27 June 44	Hospitalized
Petroski, Joseph A.	Tec 5	12070988	Co. A	SWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Pfister, Cletus A.	Tec 5	35260024	Co. F	LWA	4 July 44	Hospitalized
Piercey, J. C.	2nd. Lt.	0-01015001	Co. I	LWA	25 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Pollard, James L.	Sgt.	36161547	Rcn. Co.	LWA	30 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Porter, Fred R.	Pvt.	38029526	Co. C	SWA	24 June 44	Hospitalized
Poston, Robert E.	Tec 5	14050094	Co. B	LWA	22 June 44	Hospitalized
Powell, Eulas E.	Pvt.	7040955	Co. I	LWA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Price, Norman E.	Pfc.	35027874	Rcn. Co.	LWA	1 July 44	Not Hospitalized
Price, William H.	Sgt.	15044630	Rcn. Co.	LWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Froske, David C.	Pfc.	38054214	Hq. Co.	LWA	26 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Fruitt, Paul (NMI)	Cpl.	34146083	Co. E	LWA	30 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Prusak, Henry J.	Pvt.	16098236	Rcn. Co.	LWA	5 July 44	Hospitalized
Reynolds, Edward I.	Pvt.	14012431	Co. A	LWA	25 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Riddle, William W.	S/Sgt.	6666156	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LIA	26 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Robinson Jr., Edwin L.	Pfc.	17030264	Rcn. Co.	LWA	30 June 44	Not Hospitalized

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Rohn, Gordon F.	2nd. Lt.	0-01013316	Co. H.	SWA	5 July 44	Hospitalized
Ruhge, Max J.	Pvt.	37475374	Co. E.	LIA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Sabatelli, John J.	Tec 3	19186607	Ren. Co.	LWA	27 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Salzer, James (NMI)	Sgt.	7040483	Ren. Co.	LWA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Scarpa, Dominico A.	Cpl.	32183565	Co. A.	LWA	25 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Schlessinger, William J.	Tec 4	36102110	Ren. Co.	KIA	24 June 44	
Schmidt, Alvin M.	Pvt.	36829014	Co. A.	LWA	25 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Schwenk, William M.	Pvt.	6658311	Hq. Co.	KIA	29 June 44	
Scott, John R.	Sgt.	15047103	Co. B.	LWA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Sellman, Raymond H.	Tec 4	33067972	Co. F.	LWA	2 July 44	Hospitalized
Shaffron, Nick T.	1st. Lt.	0-0895752	Co. C.	KIA	5 July 44	
Shelton, John L.	Pvt.	15045832	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	27 June 44	Hospitalized
Skidmore, John P.	Tec 4	32171862	Co. G.	LIA	30 June 44	Hospitalized
Slater, Virgil L.	S/Sgt.	6795207	Ren. Co.	KIA	22 June 44	
Smith, Fenton (NMI)	Pfc.	39676290	Co. E.	LWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Smith, Richard E.	1st. Lt.	0-01178346	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn	LWA	27 June 44	Hospitalized
Smith, Robert E.	Pvt.	34122162	Co. B.	LWA	22 June 44	Hospitalized
Smyth, Tom V.	Sgt.	38054376	Co. B.	LWA	4 July 44	Hospitalized
Sopha, Leo J.	Cpl.	36507847	Ren. Co.	LWA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Sorensen, Hildur (NMI)	Pvt.	14045257	Co. C.	LWA	5 July 44	Hospitalized
Stephens, Kenneth C.	Sgt.	6658271	Co. I.	LWA	28 June 44	Hospitalized
Sweet, Grover A.	Tec 5	14002449	Co. I.	KIA	27 June 44	
Taddei, Pasquale D. G.	Cpl.	32007057	Ren. Co.	KIA	25 June 44	
Taylor, Charles E.	Sgt.	33119091	Co. F.	LIA	2 July 44	Hospitalized
Tucker, Robert W.	Pvt.	37448480	Hq. Co. 1st Bn.	LWA	30 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Warren, Guy (NMI)	Pvt.	34142835	Co. I.	LWA	28 June 44	Hospitalized
Webb, Joseph R.	Cpl.	37101819	Co. I.	LWA	28 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Weber, Howard J.	Pfc.	32180788	Ren. Co.	LWA	3 July 44	Not Hospitalized
Weinberg, Milton (NMI)	1st. Lt.	0-01012680	Ren. Co.	LWA	21 June 44	Not Hospitalized
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Wengren, Harry (NMI)	S/Sgt.	35021507	Co. A.	LWA	25 June 44	Not Hospitalized
Werner, Robert (NMI)	Tec 5	36160064	Hq. Co. 1st Bn	LWA	25 June 44	Hospitalized
Whallen, Harold A.	Pfc.	11066496	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn	LWA	1 July 44	Not Hospitalized
Whitley, Roy C.	Pvt.	34235496	Med. Det.	SWA	1 July 44	Hospitalized
Wiersholowicz, Chester (NMI)	2nd. Lt.	0-01014361	Co. A.	SWA	28 June 44	Hospitalized
Wilmoth, Marvin G.	Pvt.	35598353	Co. B.	LIA	28 June 44	Hospitalized
Wilson, Lewis D.	Cpl.	35270169	Co. I.	LWA	28 June 44	
Woelflin, Eugene P.	Sgt.	36046900	Co. F.	LWA	4 July 44	
Worsham, Kenneth T.	Cpl.	38004360	Co. F.	RESTRICTED	24 June 44	

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NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN	TYPE OF CASUALTY	DATE	DISPOSITION
Beitner, Harold H.	Pvt.	33098941	Rcn. Co.	MIA	5 July 44	
Burghorn, Donald G.	Pvt.	16085992	Rcn. Co.	MIA	5 July 44	
Carroll, Michael	Pvt.	32681868	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.	MIA	7 July 44	Hospitalized
Gofsky, George J.	Tec 4	32037756	Co. B.	DCW	7 July 44	
Crosby, Horton H.	Cpl.	32136041	Hq. Co. 1st. Bn.	DCW	5 July 44	
Davison, Robert W.	Pfc.	37095734	Rcn. Co.	MIA	5 July 44	
Fields, Ernal H.	Cpl.	15042942	Rcn. Co.	KIA	5 July 44	
Gans, William E.	PFC	33053917	Rcn. Co.	MIA	5 July 44	
Hoffman, Albert (NMI)	WOJG	W2110111	Hq. Co.	LIA	9 July 44	Hospitalized
Lindberg, Robert E.	Pvt.	36886846	Rcn. Co.	MIA	5 July 44	
Mikulan, Steve A.	Cpl.	35029798	Rcn. Co.	MIA	5 July 44	
Nelson, Alfred C.	1st. Lt.	02056120	Rcn. Co.	MIA	5 July 44	
Porter Jr., John R.	1st. Lt.	01010515	Co. H.	LIA	8 July 44	Hospitalized
Sanchez, Alphonse R.	Pfc.	10600354	Rcn. Co.	KIA	5 July 44	
Whatley, Roy C.	Pvt.	34235496	Med. Det.	DCW	5 July 44	
Wasmund, Harold F.	Pfc.	36046980	Rcn. Co.	KIA	5 July 44	
Weaver, Kash (NMI)	S/Sgt.	7040362	Rcn. Co.	MIA	5 July 44	

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TIME	FROM	TO
0850	The arm'd bull dozers are to report today to Maj. Browning at RJ 494877 at 1300B	G-3 LAD CO 13AR
0915	Channel 78 will be added to the present radio for Inf & TD communication	CG 1 AD CO 13AR
0915	Loading point for M-4 Bull dozers is to be at 498803	G-3 LAD CO 13AR
2230	756 & 751 TK Bns are detached from LAD and reverts to Army control effective 161300B	G-3 LAD CO 13AR
3250	Movement will commence 0600B 19 June. You will be under command of C/C "B" for movement. C Co 701 TD is attached to you for movement. You will be marching 2nd in column following 6th Inf. L/O is to report to C/C "B" Hqtrs at 1400B today for further details; he is to bring with him time length of column including 701 T.D. based on 12 MPH for Mod Tks and 18 MPH for Lt Tanks.	S-3 C/C "B" CO 13AR
1510	This regiment commences movement north at 0800B Monday 19 June Further details later. Range firing as scheduled will take place Sunday, except that all firing will be completed by 1300B	CO 13AR All Units 13AR
1520	L/O to C/C "B" at 0900B, 18 June is to be Lt. Fleming - w/ mtd msgr. 13 AR crosses IP at 190800B, 4 hrs allowed column. March will be in two serials. C Co 701 is under direct control of 13AR for movement. Billeting officer 181300B will remain tomorrow night in 1st forward bivouac area and ready to meet and billet his command morning of 19th.	Lt Fleming.

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	Permission has been granted to send L/O's 2 hrs ahead of colm.	Oral.
1100	Left Bivouac area on Lake BRACCIANO at 1100 Hrs.	Oral
1120	BRACCIANO	
1137	MANZIANA	
1234	ALLUMIERE	
1243	CIVITAVECCHIA	
1435	VESTINICIA	
1510	TARZUNIA - closed in bivouac area E-104131 at 47.6 miles	Oral
1600	Maint Co closed in bivouac at A-101135	"
1500	AS of today periodic reports will be from 2100 to 2100 hrs, and will be turned in to C/C B by 2300B. Today will be from 1700 2100B. March order will be approx the same for tomorrow as it was today. Distance unknown at present time.	CG C/C B CO 13AR
1615	Helmets were not worn by many men on today's march. Co C.O.'s will repeatedly check their columns not merely ride at the head of them. S-3 Periodic Reports will be from 2000B to 2000B and due at this Hq at 2100B until further orders. March tomorrow approx same. IP RJ A-066143, destination unknown.	CO 13AR All Units
1700	Ron Co closed in at 1630B, located at A103128	Ron Co
1715	Serv Co closed in bivouac area A097134	Serv Co
1810	1st Bn closed in bivouac area at A118102	1st Bn 13AR
1820	Traffic control held up 2/13AR and entire 3rd Bn, at CIVITAVECCHIA and will not let them on road until 2000 hrstonite.	Col Howse
2210	There will be meeting at 1st AD Hq C.P. A704494 at 201400B Unit commanders will attend.	C.O. 13AR Ron Co
2220	2nd Bn 13AR closed in bivouac at 2204	2/13
2235	3rd Bn 13AR closed in bivouac at 2208	
2235	Regiment closed in bivouac.	CO 13AR G-3 LAD

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0707	Left Biv area at 104131 at 47.6 miles	
0900	LAGUNA di ORBETELLO	
1035	Arrived new C.P. area E-659562 at 94.1 miles, located at 659562.	
1 130	Serv Co closed in at 1125B, located at E-661563	
1145	Closed in assembly area E-660558	Ron Co
1233	1st Bn closed in at 1230B	
1310	701 T ^D (-B & C Co's) attached to 13AR designated as Div Reserve.	L/O 701 TD
1500	3rd Bn closed in at 1430B, E-672563	3/13
1 500	C Co 701 TD closed in at 1445, E-667563.	0 701 TD.
1530	Have liaison officer from your unit report to C/O B at once	CG C/C "B"

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1600	Troop list C/C "B" is as follows: Ron Co, 1st Bn 13AR, 3rd Bn 13AR, 1st Co 16 Engrs, 1st Co 701 T.S., 1 Btry 435 AA, 1 Btry B Btry 434 AA, 68 & 96 F.A. Bns	CO 13AR Maint Co	All Units
1645	Maint Co closed in bivouac at E-663561		
1900	2nd Bn closed at 1745B, now located at E668563		
1920	S-3 periodic reports covering the period 2000 hrs -2000 hrs will be submitted to this Hqtr's prior to 2200 hrs daily	CO 13AR L/O 1/6	All Units CO 13AR
2000	1st Bn 6th Inf now at MONTAINO at E722527		

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0740	Rubber covered cable containing circuits from lightning to Raystone, laying along road being broken by tanks. Where vehs have to leave road, commanders will take necessary steps to insure cable is elevated and not run over by wheeled or track vehicles	CG LAD	CO 13AR
1012	Bn and Co commanders will report to this Hqtr's at 1330B to go over plans of operation	CO 13AR	All Units
1013	We will move tomorrow at 0600B on order of 1st AD	Oral CO 13AR	
1020	Battalion and company CO's will attend meeting at 13AR Hq at 1300 hrs this date	CO 13AR	All Units
1155	Div OP opened at E-701782 at 1045B. Air strip at E723784	CG 1 AD	CO 13AR
1245	93FA is attachd to Div Reserve & 1 Btry 173 FA Bn (155mm) is attachd to C/C "B" effective 1200B	CG LAD	CO 13AR
1732	Ron Co 13AR called C/C "B" and asked if they would inquire about our own guns who had been shelling them at the RJ to the N of them. They had been shelled at the "Critical" RJ. Intercept.		
1755	Civilian reports 15 enemy tanks under trees along river from E 537893 - E 543888 at 210300B. Air OP rpts bridge blown at E 537893 - E 543888. New infantry dug in along road from E745871 to E-775852 this morning.	C/O "B" L/O LAD	All Units CO 13AR
2125	Movement order changed from 0600B 22 June to 0500B 22 June. 93FA Bn attachd to Div Reserve at 0830B 22 June. They will join our forces at RJ 617742		
2140	All times in operation instructions #6, this Hq advanced to one hour ahead.	CO 13AR	All Units.

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0450	Left bivouac area E659562 at 94.1 mi.	Oral	
0520	GROSSETA		
0555	Arrived bivouac area E623807 at 111.2 miles		
0630	C.P. opened at 0615 at E623807	CO 13AR	1st AD.
0705	2/13 AR closed at 0705 E-626805	2/13AR	
0756	CP at E623804 closed at 0710B	C 701 TD	
0926	C/16 Engrs reported attached to us located at 627814.	C/16 Eng	
0915	Gen Harmon came to CP, gave mission to CO 13AR, which was to move out soon after noon and that Div Hqtr's will occupy this location after we move out.	Oral	
0845	Closed assembly area 0895B. Bn CP located #636421	1/6 Inf.	
1012	Serv Co closed at 0850 located at E628792, Maint Co closed at 0900B located at E613798.	Oral	
0945	1000 - PLAN OF ACTION BY CO 13AR: SITUATION OF C/C A and C/C B in outline: C/C A made turn at GONIGO yesterday. The 517th Para Regt came up rd and held high ground which is in front of C/C "A" axis. As C/C A made turn they were counterattacked by fire by enemy guns, who shot into C/C A's flank and knocked out some of their tanks. C/C A pushed out a force to protect that flank. They are still getting fired at from the N. This general area was also where 4 or 5 of 752 Tks were knocked out yesterday. C/O "B" got up w/o any more than delaying action, but now they are opposed by tks and possibly AT guns, including 2 MK VI's. They are endeavoring to come up rd and go thru valley. They are encountering enemy activity. CG LAD directs that this force move at noon to open ground. We can use any feasible rd to get where we want to go. We have now in front 701 TD which we dispatched immediately upon their arrival in this area. They are going on up to check pt #12, (1000 yds N of check pt #12, at CR). 93 FA atchd to us. I have given orders to CO 93 FA to run for gun positions, to support our positions. 93FA has 2 sub planes with them. They have observers, but they are still		

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with units they were serving previously. They will try to get 2 more from their btry. 936 FA have 155mm guns with range of 18000 yds. One platoon C/16 Eng attd to us. We will hold bulk of our force here, but the combat elements of this command will be ready to pull out at 1230. Ron is now working. We are to go along dirt road that comes out at Ref Pt #4, then N along very straight road towards Pt #137. Platoon 2/13 will be prepared to move short of 1200 (approx 1100B) out to Ref Pt #4. As soon as our Ron elements are approx 2 mi beyond pt #4, orders will be given to CO 2/13AR. N of Ref Pt #4, Ref Pt #8, which is at CR PONTE LATIGE will be area on which we will build up our force. We will send one assault group to CR in vic of Pt #8, (about 500 yds W of PONTE LATIGE) then we may send another assault group towards to Pt #137; the other to work up to the NW to cross stream in gen vicinity of E617872; from there to work thru those roads in the direction of MONTE MASSI (Ref Pt #115). CO 2/13 AR will, at once, assemble 2 of these assault groups. He will designate Co CO's for each assault group around his Co. A section of TD's attd to this group; we will get fwd observers from the 93FA for these groups; also an FO from AG platoon of 2/13 and a Ron NCO from the platoon of C/16 Engr's; then a platoon of 6 Inf (mtd). The column commander of the main body, the man with whom we will get in touch will be the CO 701 TD Det.

MAIN BODY

Command Group;

CO 1/6 Inf

CO AG Plat 2/13AR

CO of platoon of C/16 attd.

AG Plat of 2/13.

CO to be designated by CO 2/13AR

2nd Plat C/16

Remainder of 1/6 Inf in H/T's.

A lt tank Co of 1st AR (when and if it joins us)

Caution: If you find anything, SHOOT! Dont be afraid of running out of ammunition.

Evacuation of wounded: Initially evac will be to A/47 Med who are at E551808. B Co 47 Med will be in vic of E619790 to assist. Ambulance from those companies will be along axis of advance.

- 1015 One plat of C/16 Engra only reported. Request info when rest of that unit becomes attd. CO 13AR CO LAD
- 1045 Send your Ron Plat to Pt #4, 701 Ron near point #137, receiving sniper fire CO 13AR CO 2/13
- 1100 93rd F.A. closed in at 1030B, Div Reserve now closed. CO 13AR CO 1 AD
- 1100 L/O of 936 FA rptd to 3-3, they are not directly attd to us, but will assist by fire. Oral.
- 1200 Reliable PW report states possibility of enemy counter attack vicinity MONTE MASSI. With elements of one, possibly two Inf Div. Keep your force well together as you may have to take the first blow of this should it develop. Gen Harmon CO 13AR
- 1205 Ass ault gun group based on 1 company Med Tks (other elements no change) under your command will move to point #4, thence on point #137 at 1230 hrs. Report progress. Locations Ron Co 701; Creek crossing g at 616871 (passable) and at 622870. Representative Ron 701 will meet you at CR 300 yds W of Pt #8, with the latest do ps. CO 13AR CO 2/13.
- 1228 C/1st AR closed in bivouac at 1215 B located at E635812 L/O 1AR CO 13AR
- 1235 No ther Engrs available at this time. CO 1 AD CO 13AR
- 1255 Report without delay time of jump off. CO LAD CO 13AR
- 1259 Time of Jump off - 1300B CO 13AR CO LAD
- 1345 Request information on situation vic EQA000037 CO 13AR CO LAD
- 1345 Ron carefully on roads leading to points 139 & 142 & 133. Do not move TARE further west CO 13AR CO 701TD
- 1440 Advance tank elements reached vicinity EQA020044. Small arms fire and some artillery received. CO 13AR CO LAD
- Re Reference msg 1400, Seagull is on way with situation CO LAD CO 13AR
- 1640 Request aerial Ron ROCCA STRADA, SASSORORTINO, ROCCATEBERICHI CO 13AR CO LAD
- 1845 CG 1st AD directs that our force move on obj A w/out delay Oral
- 1850 OP of 2/13 E-622860 Oral
- 1914 Approx 8 p-40's bombed and [redacted] area on rd

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in friendly area on road between our bivouac on road between our bivouac area and MONTE MASSI, direct hit on American Ambulance, Killing 1 Med Off, 4 EN out of 701 TD BN.

1930 We are moving along quite slowly due to the reason you know about. D Co less than 800 yds pt #142. 701 TD CO 13AR

2045 Left bivouac area E623807, at 111.2 miles Oral

2105 CP arrived new location E619840 at 115.8 miles Oral.

2200 Forward locations of Div Reserve as of 2200H. Tank elements at E602918, with Recon North thereof and tank elements at V640858 and E620913, E634902 and E502886. CO 13AR CG 1AD

1900 Situation as of 1900 hrs: C/C "A" at E780880 - E795912 - E710882
Howze Force at E-603918 - V624840 - V633838. C/C "B" at E-526897 - E500892. Intentions follow. CG 1AD CO 13AR
701 TD CO 13AR

1920 C.P. opened at E625860 at 1900H. - CG 1AD CO 13AR

2225 Remainder of C Co 16 Engrs now attached to TFH. Report your disposition. CG 1AD CO 13AR

2237 We are in position. CP at check point #137. 1/6 Inf CO 13AR

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0600 Have your Sunray report here at 0630 hrs CO 13AR 1/6 Inf.

0610 Move your company at 0630 to coord E-615850 and yourself report in person to me at my CP at E617854 at the same hour. Feed your company breakfast at new location. CO 13AR D Co 1AR
CG 1AD CO 13AR

0613 Did you people jump off on time CG 1AD

0930 D Co 1st AR attach to Division Reserve CO D Co 1AR

0915 Fwd elements at E530890, E-890889 - E485909, receiving some opposition from Right front C/G B 1st AD

1015 Passing check point #115 (MONTREASST). 1/6 Inf CO 13AR

1027 The forces have moved out; the first one has not yet arrived at point #133, but he should be there shortly. The other one has his leading elements started, and remainder of his elements are moving up to catch up with him. Everything organized. The force that was at #142 is now at #133 and have that point well secured. 2/13AR CO 13AR

1030 CP now located at E120804. Maint Co CO 13AR

1107 D Co 1st AR (E627890) closed in at 1100 hrs. Oral.

1110 Enemy long range artly reported to be coming from V-5688 S-2 13AR

1117 Now reached check point #133 1/6 Inf CO 13AR

1120 Elements of 93 FA approx 5000 yds W of #137 Intercept

1125 When elements of 2/13 reach N-66 be sure and have them take care of the situation that exists there. Have him be sure and protect his flank. He is to drop something there. CO 2/13 F Co 13AR

1128 We are now at check point #66. Friendly Italians rpt there are mines where we are to go. We are having someone look into it. F Co 13AR CO 13AR

1130 When you leave point #66, be sure and leave something to take care of that flank. CO 2/13 F Co 13AR

1140 The situation of my units is as follows: With the group who are going by pt #33 I have not been able to contact them lately. I do not know their exact location, but my people who have been at Pt #133. I have not been able to contact them lately. I just called saying that they could see some enemy inf withdrawing on on that road to the NW, and I gave him permission to pull up and take them under fire. He said this other unit has not arrived. They have been gone for 2 hrs. My second unit is now at Pt #66. They are getting the situation there in hand and will be rolling again soon. They have met no opposition. CO 2/13AR CO 13AR

1145 C/81 Ron attach'd to TFH. Will report into out command net. Oral.

1150 I have just been talking to the CO of my unit who is at #133 and he says he thinks my other force is probably at #133 by now. CO 2/13AR CO 13AR

1152 TARE platoon is moving from #115 to #62 now. 701 TD CO 13AR

1220 At V602873, blown bridge and minefield. Bridge blown at E565915 and read mined. There will be some delay. 2/13AR CO 13AR

1255 Right column approx 1000 yds SE of #17. Blown bridge 1000 yds NW of #133. - 401 Span, and approaches mined. 1/6 Inf. CO 13AR

1302 C/81 Ron closed in bivouac at E622875 at 1300H. Oral L/O

1307 We have found a by pass at that bridge. However we need a dozer to improve it. We will have to get it from the people who got it from us this morning. Our column is proceeding but we need a dozer. CO 2/13AR CO 13AR

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- 1310 We have 2 columns with the same difficulty. If you can get along without it for awhile, do the best you can and we will try to get one to you as soon as we can arrange it. CO 13AR 2/13AR
- 1315 Ren Co 701 stopped short of #113, by blown bridge. CO 13AR ordered them to attempt to find a by pass and reach Pt #124. Cral.
- 1317 Our report of right column approx 1000 yds SE of #17, should be 1000 yds SE of Pt 124. (Approx 2000 yds NW of pt 132) We are going around blown bridge now. We have seen people who are bringing up material to fix it. We are moving now. It is slow, but we can make it. We do not need the dozer right now. 1/6 Inf CO 13AR
2/13AR CO 13AR
- 1340 CP now at Z-603915
- 1400 Enemy troops in column of horse-drawn vehs, proceeding N on rd vic V580896. Air OP registering artly on them. When last seen they were dispersing in woods at 1315. Small enemy minefield at V633850.
- 1440 Am at point #113, have observed several groups of German troops at TATTI area and one truck load of enemy troops moving into town. I am bringing fire to bear on the town. 30' treadway at E613910 and bypass and mines at E626905 Cool Howze
- 1445 CP 1000 yds S.E. of check point 115, water oijt 2500 yds W of of check Pt #111. c/16 Eng CO 13AR
- 1515 B Co is coming over to help you can you reconnoiter so they can be put to work effectively. CO 1 3AR CO C/16 Eng
1/6 Inf CO 13AR
- 1543 SP or AT gun enemy at check Pt #124 reported by air OP. Cral.
- 1600 B Co 16 Eng will be attached to this force sometime this evening.
- 1610 South column about 400 yds south of 113 and ran into considerable artly in vic of town. Our artly is firing on them. Some Inf came in from his right rear and engaged in a fire fight. All is in hand now, and can be taken care of. 2/13AR CO 13AR
- 1655 Div CP closes present location and reopens new location E644830 CG LAD
- 1605 CP closes at E613897 at 1600H 701 TD CO 13AR
- 1605 The situation remains very much the same- we have made very little progress. CO 2/13 CO 13AR
- 1700 Get your people up on hill N of point 113, where he can observe progress on point 133. CO 13AR CO 2/13AR
- 1710 Elements of 2/13 on edge of town ran into minefield covered by small arms fire CO 2/13 CO 13AR
- 1712 I am sending another element of 1/6 Inf to a point 900 yds SW of point #124. CO 13AR CO 2/13 AR
- 1759 Report from Lt Clay have reached edge of town, ran into AT gun. No casualties; proceeding slowly. CO 2/13AR CO 13AR
- 1830 You will have Lt Clay provide for his security and that of his force for the night with the view of continuing on at daylight tomorrow. You are authorized to use the Inf now allocated to Lt Parham's force for that purpose since it is not intended to move that force earlier than tomorrow morning. Lt Dunn will continue to defend the RJ on which he is now located until further orders. CO 13AR CO 2/13AR
- 1835 You will provide for the security of your force for the night at such time as you see fit, and continue on your present mission at daylight in the morning. It is planned to send another force thru yours after you reach objective "C". CO 13AR CO 2/6 Inf
- 1835 Leading elements have passed point #124 against very slight opposition, also have unit in position 1000 yds SW of pt #124. 1/6 Inf CO 13AR
- 1840 Rpt from Lt Clay, demolitions of buildings in town have temporarily stopped us. They are blown across the streets of the town. Am CO 2/13AR CO 13AR
- 1900 trying to find by-pass. No opposition from town. 1/6 Inf CO 13AR
- 1900 Request our artly be raised 1000 yds.
- 1953 Clay is in town, and running into heavy MG fire, Mortar, and small arms. Needs Infantry. CO 2/13AR CO 13AR
- 2015 Water point now located at E638901 C/16 Eng
- 2100 Effective 240500H all commanders will report location of fwd elements every hour on the hour during hrs of daylight. CG LAD CO 13AR
- 2220 Acknowledge your msg of 2100H CO 13AR CO 1 AD

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~~SITUATION REPORT OF 2/13 as of 2000 B~~

Some of F Co's elements are in the town (TATTI) and are still having a lot of trouble from small arms. He has elements of 1/6 Inf working with him and the situation seems somewhat better than it was when I last talked to you. However, at the present time, I am in a light vehicle and I cannot get up to where F Co 13AR is. I am going to try to work up there. I was just told that 1/6 Inf is in the vic of Pt 124 and are going towards this direction. So far as I know he is only going to the high ground about 1000 yds SW of Pt 124. There are very few civilians in the town.

CO 13AR to CO 2/13AR: You people in the vic of 133 are going to remain tonight, exactly as at present constituted and should take appropriate security measures.

~~SITREP OF 2/13 as of 2130B. We have the town practically clear. F Co's elements (2) are in the N edge of town. Ele of 1/6 Inf are with him, occupying the high ground. In starting this mission for tomorrow - I don't believe this force will be able to carry out this mission unless he can get one of his own units. We have a lot of squaring up to do. So F Co will have only 2 elements tomorrow.~~

CO 2/13 from CO 13AR: You have some stuff at Pt 133 and you also have some other stuff available under you that is of your basic type of veh. All of of these people except those at Pt 133 are available to you. You can move them as you see fit.

~~CO 2/13: We got a quite a number of ~~XXX~~ enemy casualties and sent 2 PW's by your LO.~~

SITREP: 2/13AR - 2155B: Our present location, slightly beyond check pt 124. Have ran into sniper, mortar, and other SA fire about there. WE would like to have your Med Off send up some litter bearers to help 1/6Inf who is with F Co. I will make arrangements for a guide to meet those men at our location. Have no idea as to how long they will be used.

2215B: My fwd elements are on the high ground just N of the town. We had a bit of trouble with SA fire. We have our force from 1/6 Inf up there; they have the thing pretty well in hand. I have the unit CO's here and am going to give the dope to them to continue their mission. We must have a dozer and another unit similar to the one we already have. Arrangements have not been made as yet. I will have someone meet them here. The unit he has working with him up there now will give them details. They can come to pt 133 and from there someone will take them to 113. We must have them tonight in order to get thru on this mission in the morning.

16th Engr's 2230. We will do all possible to get that vehicle up there tonight.

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0645	Our location is check point 124. Recon platoon of 301 moved out at 0500B. Co go followed at 0630B to close gap.	1/6 Inf	CO 13AR
0610	Our left column had considerable difficulty getting dozers to clear XXXXXX debris from town, they should be ready to move out in about 15 or 20 minutes.	CO 2/13AR	CO 13AR
1620	Request time of air bombardment of check point 157	D Co 1AR	CO 13AR
0620	None scheduled.	CO 13AR	D Co 1AR
0715	Our left column is moving out now - it has gotten thru the bottleneck and everything is going along well	CO 2/13AR	CO 13AR
0721	Elements of Clay Force which had a special mission during the night is now released and is again under his control.	CO 13AR	CO 2/13AR
0755	Location of fwd elements same as before. Have captured 9 PW's at enemy OP at 578893, at 0720B	CO 1/6 Inf	CO 13AR
0800	Sitrep as of 0730B: They have succeeded in clearing the bottleneck and were proceeding in good shape. No opposition at that time having been encountered.	CO 13AR	CO 1AD
0805	Tell the remainder of D Co 1AR to move to Pt 124. There is room there for them to get off the road.	CO 13AR	
0810	One unit of 93FA requested permission to move about 30 minutes ago which I granted them	NO 13AR	CO 13AR

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- 0812 I hope they are not coming up this far. CO 13AR EO 13AR
- 0814 They requested permission to come up the general route. EO 13AR CO 13AR
- 0815 Be sure that D Co 1st AR is able to get in the vicinity of 124 without being blocked by those other people CO 13AR EO 13AR

LT CLAY'S ASSAULT FORCE ON THE TOWN OF TATTI - 23 June 1944

The town of TATTI on a steep little hill and there is only one road thru the town; we had no other choice than to go thru the town. The town was full of Inf when they moved in at first they rec'd a lot of small arms fire and grenades from the windows of the town and some AT fire. From the windows they tried to shoot down into the turrets w/machine pistols and grenades. The tks dropped back and worked the town over, then they sent back in the town and the infantry was still there. The Germans blew up bldgs behind the tks, one tank was covered up and one tk was blocked both ways by the blown rock. They brought the Infantry up again and with the 2 tks they cleaned the town up. The infantry and the two tanks outpassed the town the light tanks couldn't get thru. At 2 o'clock this morning we got a bull dozer up there and did some work and got stuck. They got 2 T-2's up there; one of which got stuck. They now have an alternative route for getting thru the town and they are ready to start rolling. The tks are OK except the one that was buried which needs a little work on it. This morning at 0500 hrs we took one Plt of F Co up there to replace Lt Ross; he is the man who has been up there all this time. That will give us an opportunity to get supplies and Maint to Ross. Friendly civilians had told Lt Ross that there were about 5 enemy Medium tks in the town, but they were never found.

- 0840 Request that you get our arty to put fire (area of woods) about at following coordinates where infantry has been sighted. High ground at V565915 and R1 372922 (Gen Area fires on both). I will have additional dope in about 5 minutes. CO 13AR EO 13AR
- 0845 We are just about to get going. These woods seem to have a good many enemy infantry in them. I can give you pretty concrete evidence of yesterday's fight. Those I have seen with my own eyes: 1 MK VI tank burning, 4 AT guns knocked out; about 8 vehs of various types destroyed, 4 20 mm ack-ack guns, each an individual towed mount. Who said that he had a bn in here in this gen-ric last night that pulled out? I expect to call for action with the air on the area vicinity point 157 and high ground about 1500 yds NW of that Pt 157 and high ground about 1500 yds NW of that point which I suspect of being an enemy strong point. CO 13AR EO 13AR
Oral
- 0910 Fwd elements of 2/13AR at Pt 122 CP 13AR closes present location at 1000B and opens E611906 at 1000B 24 June CO 13AR CG LAD
- 0940 No further rpts as to location of fwd elements in relation to pt 122 CO 2/13AR CO 13AR
- 0952 I just received word from D Co that one of his small vehs tried to go into the town at V-620864. A short time ago but friendly Italians stopped them and said that the town had again been occupied by Germans. D Co would like to have permission to take his unit down and clear up the situation. Answer: Have him use his own judgement, it is desired to have that pt cleared up. CO 2/13 AR CO 13AR
- 0956 I can see that road is blown at point 1000 yds due North of 122. Tell Co F to start looking for bypass to West CO 13AR EO 13AR
- 0959 The road has been blown approx 1000 yds North of where you rptd your leading elements the last time. This info comes from our friends to the east S-3 13AR 2/13AR
- 1000 Correction on location of Co D. A Minor said that the location was 200 yds short of that pt which was given you. 2/13AR^H CO 13AR
- 1005 CP location 1000 yds NW check point 139. 0/16 Eng CO 13AR
- 1007 F Co said that he heard MD fire in front of him and saw some red tracers, he thinks this might be some of ours. Answer: - if it is coming from R flank, it must be from one of our elements over there. 2/13AR CO 13AR
Oral.
- 1027 Arrived new CP location E611906, HQ 13AR
- 1040 Company F is approx 1500 yds beyond check pt 122. Receiving direct HE fire. Will investigate w/people he has with him. 2/13AR CO 13AR
Oral.
- 1053 CG 1st AD arrived. CP 13AR Oral.

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- 1347 We asked for artly on hill about 800 yds SW of Pt 117 about 3 hrs ago. It was slow in coming and we got too close to it, are having some trouble from it. There is a lot of Inf on it. It is too late to put artly on it now. About 20 min ago, as I was going down the road in my jeep, about 21 Germans surrendered to me. They were ALL Germans. They said the bulk of their Bn had pulled out from that position. They think that most of their Regt is just North of where we are now. Repeat those concentrations which I gve you previously, the four - 516, 692, 695, & 664. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
- 1357 Situation remains the same with F Co. Unit so ordered has moved out at 1355. 2/13 AR S-3 13AR
- 1358 The element which you ordered moved from one side to the other has assembled and started out in the ordered direction 5 minutes ago. S-313AR CO 13AR
- 1358 No material change in location of fwd elements 1 CO 13AR G-3 LAD
- 1359 I am starting back to you. CO 13AR
- 1405 CP closes present location 1430B opens E-583892 CG LAD CO 13AR
- 1408 CP nowat V602836, 1410B C/81 Ron CO 13AR
- 1445 Lt Clay's force has reported he has sighted 3 Mk VI's at 560920. He is moving slowly. 2/13AR CO 13AR
- 1452 Lt Clay himself did not see 3 tanks reported at 1445B but they were reported to him by his FO. He is doing everything he can to get them located. 2/13AR CO 13AR
- 1455 Fwd elements approx 400 yds N of 117. Pres situation is that they are receiving considerable S/A fire. 3 tanks have been spotted at CR. 1/6 Inf S-3 13AR
- 1455 ~~Current position of fwd elements. Left column - BOD093N010. Right column - BOD092N003.~~ CO 13AR G-3 LAD
- 1530 I am not w/leading elements at present time, but they are about there we moved out from. He started moving about 10 min ago. We have not been able to go around to the left. CO 13AR CO 13AR
- 1532 You'll have to halt there. Until you can get across there. CO 13AR CO 2/13
- 1533 We are drawing some artly and some flat stuff at the present time. CO 2/13
- 1534 Return their fire. As soon as that place is repairable or passable let us know. CO 13AR CO 2/13
- 1535 To the best of my knowledge things aren't moving very much to our front. They are trying to pick out better positions. 1/6 Inf CO 13AR
- 1550 Our leading elements are approx 1500 yds N of pt 122. As to the obstacle which was reported by Sunray, we have not reached it yet. At the pt where our leading elements are, we encountered 2 trucks loaded with infantry and some artly. We have requested artly on it but right now it isn't coming in very good. CO 2/13AR CO 13AR
- 1700 No material change in positions of advance elements. CO 13AR G-3 LAD
- 1701 I just contacted leading foot elements. They are about 2000 yds short of that point E of 117 where they were ordered to go. CO 1/6Inf CO 13AR
- 1706 My situation has not changed any. We have encountered more Inf and are doing what we can to them. I have not been able to see enemy tanks from where I am as yet. CO 2/13AR CO 13AR
- 1708 VOGG the 2nd Bn 361st Infantry is attached to us. (TFM) CO 13AR (oral)
- 1735 My Sunray reports that forward elements are are approx 700 yds S/W of check point 117. 1/6 Inf CO 13AR
- 1750 4 Mk VI's on lateral road between 117 & 129. Flak wagon 117 last reported M-6 headed NE on road toward 157, he & Sunray of little fellows plan to move toward town on right side of road. 1/6 Inf CO 13AR
- 1755 I would like information of your advance elements. Our leading elements are 1600 yds South of 169. Our leading elements had to withdraw - we encountered infantry and we are having big stuff to work on them. CO 13AR 2/13AR
- 1800 Are you going to be where you are any length of time, I would like to talk the situation over with you. No but Sunray will be here and you can talk with him, I will be leaving shortly. 2/13AR CO 13AR
- 1808 Forward ~~XXXXXXXX~~ elements right column now at V571918. Left column pulled back to let artillery work on enemy Infantry CO 13AR G-3 LAD
- 1840 Give me location of most forward elements of people on our left. When last reported M-6 tank heading W on lateral road towards check point 129. 1/6 Inf CO 13AR
- 1845 Information you requested of unit is 1600 yd S of 129. 1/6 Inf

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1855 Give me the location of your forward elements. Our forward elements are 700 yds SW of 117, but we are preparing to move now. CO 13AR 1/6 Dnr

2000 3 enemy trucks moved N on road from 561912; ambulance moved S along road to 562910 where it turned left, approximately 30 enemy Inf moved across road to vicinity 560912 where they appeared to be diggin in new positions they were taken under fire by our artl'y. CO 13AR CO 13AR

2005 No change in previous report on location of forward elements CO 13AR G-3 1AD

2100 Unit on left has been relieved by 2nd platoon at 7564896. 1st Platoon in position on right at 7569911 at 2100H CO 701 CO 13AR

2100 Objective C taken and secured - heavy fighting for this - 4 Mk VI's engaged - four hits on one believed damaged, one in flames, 1 SP claimed and a large number of personnel. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

2100 Took up defensive position as previously discussed. Oral.

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0640 Will you send an element of C of 1st AR (the one who rested yesterday) up to a point 2000 yds S of 117. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

0642 The balance of us will close out here at 0900H S-3 13AR CO 13AR

0650 We are working from pt 117 towards pt 129. (Rt group) No report of opposition. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

0652 We are now approaching 129 CO 2/13 CO 13AR

0654 Left group fwd elements are almost to 129 2/13 AR CO 13AR

0700 Elements from Right column are now approaching Pt 129 from point 117. Elements from left column are now approaching point 129 S-3 13AR G-3 1AD

0715 The road leading NW from 129 is mined. We are working on that securing 129. 2/13AR CO 13AR

0715 Our 2 forces joined at Pt 129. Area is mined, but we are securing it now. Advance is to continue to the NW. S-3 13AR G-3 1AD

0720 You are charged with the responsibility of securing 129, having done that continue NW to that town a short distance away on your right. Do not go beyond that point w/o further orders. Your forces who are in this vic in the vicinity of 129. The elements that are on the other route w/D Co 13AR will be moved on up to 117 by us and made available to you there (including E Co 13th AR) S-3 13AR CO 2/13AR

0722 E Co is still in the vic of where you are. One of his elements is on that route between 133 and 117. Can you have D Co pick him up. CO 2/13AR S-3 13AR

0725 Relative your msg some time ago about moving of one element of C Co 1st AR. The 3 elements of that unit were already up on both axis. Of course, has been over w/F Co 13AR. The 2nd one is w/D Co 13AR and the 3rd w/1 Bn 6th Inf and under their control. Did you know that. S-3 13AR CO 13AR

0727 I had forgotten. I will get things straightened out. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

0729 I am sending the CO of that element fwd and he will be up there to consolidate. S-3 13AR CO 13AR

0810 Proceed to check pt 117 as soon as you are ready. We will meet you there. CO Hq Co S-3 13AR

0815 Have artly shoot (Med artly) at 2 points. 300 yds NW and 300 yds to the N of check pt 128 right up the road. Get that out with in a half-hour. Then do not fire any except on my call. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

0818 We are 1000 yds NW of 117 and have run into some small arms fire. There are tracks indicating at least 3 Mk VI's ahead of us. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

0845 Elements of C/C B at 545925. Oral.

0845 We have ele (Inf) about 500-1000 yds S and slightly W of 128. They are moving some people to a point about 500-1000 yds and slightly W of 128. Notify our higher people and also the artly and give them a no fire line above those points. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

0850 Friendly elements moving up trail to your left vicinity of town to XXXX which you are proceeding (PRATA objective of 2/13AR). They will thence move N on trail; thence to NW. S-3 13AR CO 2/13AR

0855 We are still progressing slowly due to trouble of which I told you before. Pt 129 is pretty well mined. CO 2/13AR S-3 13AR

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- 0855 We are still progressing slowly due to trouble of which I told you before. Pt 129 is pretty well mined. CO 2/13AR S-3 13AR
- 0858 We had some friendly arty fired that fell too close. Tell the Arty that they are not to fire closer than 2000 yds from check point 128 except on our call. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
- 0859 ~~Only mission fired by our arty was ended at 0850B. Information~~ ~~reference not firing has been forwarded.~~ S-3 13AR CO 13AR
Oral
- 0903 CP moved out of area.
- 0935 Have reached objective 1700 yds NW of 129 and am securing it. Road to that objective from 129 has been swept. Awaiting further orders. As yet we are not in contact with friendly elements here CO 2/13 CO 13AR
2/13AR CO 13AR
- 0938 Request one round of smoke on 558958 CO 13AR S-3 13AR
- 0948 Mag reference smoke 558958 has been cleared. 2/13 AR S-3 13AR
- 0950 We have not yet contacted friendly elements to our left. CO 81. Ron CO 13AR
- 0950 CP now at 700 yds SW of 117
- 1010 Our forward elements are very near to pt 157 and about 1050 yds NW point 117. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
- 1020 We are running into considerable mines on the road which are slowing us up. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
Oral.
- 1000 Reached new CP area.
- 1030 Report condition of bridge at pt 128. Secure that bridge. Move one part of your force to 3rd Obj ective. S of pt 158 and cut road there. CO 13AR 2/361 Inf.
CO 2/13 CO 13AR
- 1042 We have objective secure and everything is OK. CO 2/13 CO 13AR
- 1050 Left force now at objective. CO 2/13 CO 13AR
Oral.
- 1052 ~~CP now at 571004 at 129.3 miles.~~
- 1055 We have reports of the whole damn German army pulling back in front of us. I would like bombing mission flown on the 2 rds leading N from point 158; the road leading NW from Pt 105, and the road leading NE from 105. Tell them not to bomb short of Pt 105 or 158; but to find their own targets on those roads and give them Hell! Col Howze
- 1100 PW just captured your vicinity (V5893) states he has 2 companies on right, E side of road. 10 men on left of road. The Mc VI that was w/him last night withdrew to vic Q708090. His Company has orders to withdraw to that area also. He says there is a Bn in that area, setting up a new defense line. They have one AT gun a 75mm in their Bn. S-3 13AR CO 13AR
- 1110 Enemy columns reported withdrawing on following roads: N of RJ 571980 - NW of RJ 619976 - NE RJ 619976. Request bombing mission on these roads. Select own targets. Do not bomb S of RJ 619976 & RJ 571980. CO 13AR G-3 LAD
- 1115 No material change in situation or location of fwd elements since last report. CO 13AR G-3 LAD
1 AD S-3 13AR
701 TD CO 13AR
- 1125 Your mission on the way, watch for controller plane (Sub)
- 1145 CP at V566915, ceased at 1030 hrs.
- 1147 Have you any information reference a column moving on road coming E on road, to where I am from the opposite direction CO 2/13AR CO 13AR
We picked up quite a bit of dust some time ago and is now pulled off road quite a ways away.
- 1150 We are just about NW of pt 157 and are running into MG and sniper fire. 3 minefields between pt 117 and a pt opposite 157.
- 1155 Bridge blown looking for possible by-pass.
- 1200 Bridge at V587951 is intact, 3 tanks just this side of bridge waiting for our tanks, infantry (enemy) on far side. Arty has been brought to bear on them. CO 13AR CO 1/6 Inf
- 1158 Present advance elements now at right column V585935 left column no change. CO 13AR CG LAD
2/361 Inf CO 13AR
93FA Bn All Units
- 1215 Objective #2 reported taken.
- 1235 Cease firing on coordinates 586951
- 1249 My CO reports our front elements are in and near vic of 128. I hear you stopped firing in that vicinity. That is what he wanted you to do. 2/13AR S-3 13AR
2/13AR S-3 13AR
- 1242 Reference msg of 1230, we are not firing on that point.
- 1253 My CO wants you to know that 361 Inf reports that his people are at the bridge at check pt 128 & 361, wants to know if the TD's or arty have been firing on that point. 1/6 Inf CO 13AR

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1254	We have been firing on that area and the order was given to ALL our units to cease firing at 1230 hrs.	3-3 13AR	1/6 Inf.
1255	Our CP is now located 2000 yds S of Pt 129	2/13AR	CO 13AR
1300	Forward elements R force at TP1007/1008. No change on left.	S-3 13AR	G-3 LAD
1305	Request results of morning's mission.	CO 13AR	
1317	Left present bivouac area 571904 at 129.3 miles.	Oral	
1325	Arrived new CP location at 130.4 miles at 571918.	Oral	
1390	Is it alright to fire on enemy tks between your fwd elements and bridge. We have good observation.	1st AD	CO 13AR
1335	Request permission to fire on enemy infantry untrucking at 587952.	CO 13AR	2/13 AR
1410	Our fwd elements approximately 1 Km N of 128, astride that road running due North.	2/361	CO 13AR
1412	No material change in dispositions or situation. Since last report. Left force has made contact w/friendly forces on the left.	CO 13AR	G-3 LAD
1444	Send 2 bridge trucks right away to pt 128. Some one will meet you around 128 to guide you.	CO 13AR	C/16 Eng.
1455	We ran into a trap of 2 Mk VI's and killed one of them by buzzcocks. One of them got away. We should have had them both killed the crew of the one also. Are now repairing blown bridge here. We are progressing onward slowly. We have information of several more enemy tanks ahead of us.	CO 13AR	S-3 13AR
1500	Fwd elements Right force at TP1008/1007. No change on left.	CO 13AR	G-3 LAD
1525	We are at Pt 128 and actually have some stuff that can get there some distance beyond perhaps 500 yds. I am not sure. We have been caught short. I wasn't ready to get there quite so quickly. Send right away one platoon of 701 TD or C/81 Ron a force commanded by that man in E Co 13AR will be furnished by 1st Bn 56th Inf, about 1/3 of 1/6 mounted and get them married together and down here. I will put 701 & 81st to work and in control of E Co 13th AR later. There may be some delay in E Co's arrival as he is on the other flank. His components have been pulled away from him in your direction.	S-3 Oral.	
1535	Gen Harmon and Gen Crittenberger (CG IV Corps) are on way up to see Col Howze.	S-3 13AR	CO 13AR
1537	Have L/O of 1/6 Inf come back here if he is there.	S-3 13AR	2/13AR
1538	You will recall that we had another small force built up around E-Co 13th AR. CO 13AR desires that group to prepare to come to the Pt where he now is.	S-3 13AR	CO 2/13AR
1539	The elements that were back are up here. (81 Ron)	CO 2/13AR	S-3 13AR
1540	Our CP now 200 yds NE of 129.	2/13 AR	CO 13AR
1555	Alert them and have their CO come here to me for orders.	S-3 13AR	2/13 AR
1602	No material change since last report.	CO 13AR	G-3 LAD
1610	The unit from D Co should be there. (He is) unit from 81 Ron is in route; the other force complete is alerted and is forming should be in route any minute. Some Engr's have been attachd to him.	S-3 13AR	CO 13AR
1612	We have been advised that we may expect air missions this PM. (three of them in all)	S-3 13AR	CO 13AR
1614	Inform them that bomb safety line is now 000 nothing instead of 98 Nothing which is no longer safe.	CO 13AR	S-3 13AR
1615	The enemy PW I brought back (a tanker from a Mk VI) reported that there were 5 more in his group. They have been reported by air CP (4 of them) withdrawing up NW and were last reported at 619989. Arty has been and is being put on them. They feel they were responsible for holding them back.	S-3 13AR	CO 13AR
1625	Reference your msg of 1300B, 3 flights out this morning unable to get down due to bad weather; trying again this PM (1320B)	CG 1st AD	CO TFW
1628	Elements with which you are in contact on 128 desires some assistance in the form of elements similar to D Co 13th AR. the unit desiring that assistance is ORC. Will you have your people discuss this w/ them and see if they can help them. Advise us. (ERC - 1st A.R.)	S-3 13AR	2/13AR
1630	Our advance elements are reported about 1500 yds from Pt 158. I have not seen them there personally.	CO 13AR	S-3 13AR

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- 1632 The first element has arrived and I have given him his mission. I will wait to meet the others. CO 13AR G-3 13AR
- 1633 On the others: I am sending a complete unit (1/3 of 1BN 6th Inf) they have their transportation and will use it up to you. S-3 13AR CO 13AR
- 1635 Send that group w/out elements of 81 Ron if you cannot get them S-3 13AR 2/13 AR
- 1645 Last word we had on our fwd elements was that they were heading toward their 3rd objective. (Approx 3 Km NW of Pt 128) 2/361 CO 13AR
- 1700 Fwd elements of Rt force now at TPT0051065. CO 13AR G-3 1st AD
- 1810 We now have elements within 1000 yds of Pt 158 on road. They are encountering resistance. CO 13AR wants your unit to move on Pt 158 as fast as you can so as to cut road to the immediate W and to assist to the S. CO 13AR 2/361 Inf.
- 1755 The town of CIGANO (618990) and the roads leading S & N of that and also the town of UTIHO at 630005 are both full of Krauts. Can you get some heavy cal artly on those areas. Get aerial observation. There is also a trail which is a pretty good road which leads from CIGANO to the W and winds around in those hills there. There is also a lot of enemy Inf and vehs using those roads. We are putting tank fire on them, but get heavy artl^y and air if possible on all those places. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
1st AD S-3 13AR
81st Ron CO 13AR
- 1835 No air; ceiling too low. CO 13AR G-3 LAD
- 1940 Fwd elements report AT guns at 607986 at 1930B CO 13AR G-3 LAD
- 2015 No material change in disposition since last report. CO 13AR G-3 LAD
- 2105 Position of fwd elements E Co 13AR 300 yds short of ~~XXXX~~ Pt. 159 2/13 AR S-3 13AR

- ~~2030~~ ~~Word on last force has been received. Position previously given. They are stopped by demolition work at Pt 159. Doubtful if they can get past this pt tonight. The other force continues to move on town from direction previously given. No material change for Right force. CO 13AR G-3 LAD~~
- 2130 Advance elements right force at 159. CO 13AR G-3 LAD
- 2045 Unable to contact you by radio. Will you send msgr back with your situation and disposition. You will use your description as to measures to provide for your security tonight. Force on your left stopped short of MONTIERI by demolitions. You will continue on your mission at daylight which is to seize and secure CHIOENINIA at V630005 proceeding via RJ V619977. CO 13AR E Co 13AR
- 2045 Location of Fwd elements; Right force unchanged. Fwd left force approaching town from direction previously given. CO 13AR G-3 LAD
- 2210 Mission assigned us at check point 128 has been complied with C/81 Ron CO 13AR
- 2240 The following information from E Co 13AR. Fwd elements now at 200 yds S.W. of 159. Friendly troops fired on by 2 AT guns, and tanks. Our tanks knocked out 1 AT gun and enemy tank withdrew. E Co 13AR CO 13AR
- 2320 Forward elements of R column 200 yds S of Pt 159. CO 13AR- G-3 LAD

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- 0440 CP now at V589959 2/361 Inf CO 13AR
- 0508 Forward elements right force at V-607969. No communication w/ left forward elements. CO 13AR G-3 LAD
- 0554 We need maximum engineer support for blown bridge. Rubble and obstacles. Arrange for Gunray to come up here. The situation is obscured because situation is such that there is no communication. CO 13AR C Co 16 Eng.
2/361 Inf CO 13AR
- 0522 Last location of our fwd elements were V584968 at 252100B
- 0600 Fwd elements now 100 yds NE of 159 obstacle found at CP 159 is being prepared in a short time. Upon arrival we found 1 Mk VI destroyed by our forces during the late afternoon fighting. E Co 13AR CO 13AR
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- 0645 Forward elements 500 yds N.E. of 159.
- 0700 Fwd elements held up by blown bridge 200 yds SE of 105. Repair necessary undetermined at present. E Co 13AR CO 13AR
- 0709 We have run into a little difficulty short of 105. We need a dozer in approx 30 minutes. E Co 13AR CO 13AR
- 0705 Just contacted fwd elements, they are just going thru the town they were supposed to go thru. They haven't met any resistance yet this morning. 2/361 Inf CO 13AR



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- 0725 I have just walked completely thru point 158 and it is in the damndest mess. I never have seen anything like it. The town is sitting on top of the road. It is going to be a matter of hours before we can get thru that, I think. We have to move a village before we can move. I can't send other elements too far for obvious reasons. I have an urgent request to get some FO's up here who can work with doughboys. See that I get them up here right away. There is no way to by-pass that place. If artly can't furnish them, go to higher Hqtr's. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
- 0737 People of 1/6 Inf are on point 105. Only light enemy Inf opposition encountered. Obstacle just this side of that Point. Repairs will require approx 30 minutes when the dozer arrives. E Co 13AR S-3 13AR
Oral
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- 0810 Moved out at 130.4 miles 571918.
0820 Arrived new bivouac area at 132.4 mi. located at 585948.
0900 Left column road has been pushed thru. Advance elements now at approx 500-1000 SW of Pt 114. Right column no material change. CO 13AR G-3 LAD
C/81 Ron CO 13AR
- 0915 Fwd elements 600 yds NW of Pt 105. No enemy contact
0943 Right column; advance elements approx 1700 yds W of check Pt 150. Left column; advance elements approx 5700 yds W of Ck point 150. S-3 13AR CO 13AR
- 1000 Units approx 800 yds NW of 105. They have heard what sounds like artly firing from position to their report.
1005 We think a Nebelwerfer is firing from 576007. Get Med Artly on it. Get cub FO if possible. Reference regarding road thru 158 is moderately clear not the N, but we are still stopped to the N. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
- 1029 Elements of D Co 13AR, who are still behind you are to come up and rejoin their parent organization as he approaches this area for instructions. D Co 13AR doesn't have TD's, so send a couple from 701 TD with him. NO 13AR S-3 13AR
1/LAR S-3 13AR
- 1027 Medics you requested are on way. Be on lookout for them
1030 Our people report direct fire landing in the vicinity of a point 2000 yds SE of 158. S-3 13AR CO 13AR
- 1039 We have checked w/out FO's with us and we have no artly firing in that vicinity. 1/LAR S-3 13AR
- 1050 Send hub observer to study area between MONTIEMI and CIGANO (6299). If he can locate direct fire artly it is OK to fire on it. Repeat concentrations (harassing fire) on NW 3rd square 5700. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
- 1108 Last report our fwd elements 1000 yds NW of 105. They are being fired upon by artly. E Co 13AR S-3 13AR
2/13AR CO 13AR
- 1110 This CP now at 603965
1 127 These people up here want to have artly fire placed on 114 (Hill 835) as soon as they can. Will you try to deliver that within 1/2 hour. If you can let me know and I will take other steps. Put the fire on the fwd and left slopes, down to the road of that hill. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
- 1129 CO of D Co 13AR is here and I have situation regarding their movement under control. Can't say exactly when it will move. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
- 1140 Is the unit of D Co 13AR and attachment to by-pass D Co 13AR S-3 13AR CO 13AR
1141 Yes, let them come on up and stop about 1000 yds SE of 158. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
1142 The requested mission is now being fired. How long is it to be continued. S-3 13AR CO 13AR
CO 13AR S-3 13AR
- 1143 Will observe and let you know.
1147 Our fwd elements 5000 yds E and 3500 S of pt 150. Progress slow. 1/LAR CO 13AR
1157 I saw 2 ~~XXXX~~ rounds land on top of Hill 835. If that is theirs, they were 400 yds too far to the E and 200 yds too far to the N CO 13AR S-3 13AR
1152 Their rounds on slope of Hill 835 are not observed. Stop firing CO 13AR
1158 Bridge at 613985 is set for demolition. Our friends are going to work on it. O/81 Ron S-3 13AR
- 1201 Our fwd elements 1500 yds SE of check Pt F. Progress slow due to road conditions. 1/LAR S-3 13AR
- 1203 Artly is getting fair effect on the hill. Continue firing. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
- 1205 Fwd elements right force receiving artly fire. No change in left force. CO 13AR G-3 LAD

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1230 Location approximately 500 yds S of point 173. He had encountered enemy minefields and has been delayed for the present. Direct fire has slowed down. Expect to move forward shortly. 2/13AR CO 13AR

1235 Request new set of check points. CP now at V582938 0/16 Eng S-3 13AR

1250 Bridge at V613987 will not carry normal loads. C/81 Ren S-3 13AR, C/16

1253 People are there now checking it. 0/16 Eng S-3 13AR

1255 Our elements have run into an obstacle such as the one they ran into last evening. The proper people know about it. Steps are being taken to get down over it, but it will take a little time. They would like to have some information on the location of units on their West. 2/13 AR CO 13AR

1300 Effective 261200H the BSL will be as follows: V3796, 05203, 06803. CO 1 AD CO 13AR

1302 Our forward elements are now at a point 600 yds NW of point 158. C/81 Ren CO 13AR

1330 Request location of your east flank. 1st AD CO 13AR

1332 Our fwd elements at 800 yds N of 158. Request assistance from 701 T.D. Bn. C/81 Ren CO 13AR

1333 Right force slowed by mines; fwd elements at 800 yds N of Pt 158. No material change on left. CO 13AR G-3 1st AD.

1335 Fwd elements 1800 yds West of "V". S-3 13AR 1/1AR.

1342 Location of our fwd elements is 300 yds SE of "F". 1/1AR CO 13AR

1343 Fire for effect (on enemy vehs reported at 1230) C/81 Ren CO 13AR

1345 Fwd elements report one Co enemy Inf moving S at 572005. ~~CPs are firing on that area.~~ C/81 Ren CO 13AR

1402 FO's I requested are not yet shown up. There are enemy tks in the vicinity of 571009 and enemy Inf moving S at 574005. Get Medium Artlry firing on that area. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1405 One FO is on the way to you ~~XX~~ now. S-3 13AR CO 13AR

1415 No material change from last report. Demolished bridge continues to hold Right force. CO 13AR C-3 1st AD

1430 "G" Co mission accomplished. 2/361 Inf CO 13AR

1432 Also seen at 573005: one 88mm towed gun, one M/C, large number of vehs. Evidently a HQ or msg center C/81 Ren 93 FA.

1438 Our fwd elements are now located 800 yds S of "H". 1/1 AR CO 13AR

1445 2 Mk IV tks are moving from area of target (571009) to an area just S of it into a wadi. C/81 Ren 93 FA Bn

1500 2 Nebelwerfers at 565019 and 576017. Request artlry on them. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1510 We finally have light elements on the point opposite 14. However, everything elst is being held up by a great many mines and demolitions. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1515 E Co 13AR is now just E of point 173 and is proceeding to point ~~XX~~ 132. CO 2/13AR S-3 13AR

1520 Div CP closed present location at 1500H and will open at V571919 at same time. Div air strip now at 565920 CO 1AD CO 13AR

1530 Effect excellent, mission accomplished. CO 13AR 93 FA Bn.

1540 Fwd elements of E Co are just E of 173, and are moving on towards point 132. My present location is point 105. So far as I know, opposition is light. E Co 13AR CO 13AR

1545 Fwd elements on Right now 500 yds E of Pt 173. Friendly Civilians report road mined from 618998 to 630005, also enemy occupies town of CHNUSAINO. C/81 Ren CO 13AR

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1555 Bridges out at Q683006, V696013, Q684025. Source PHU S-3 13AR 1/1AR

1600 Elements of C/81 Ren held up by one Mk IV tank; unknown number of enemy Inf and pack horses at 564991. C/81 Ren CO 13AR

1610 Situation of fwd elements "C" Force at I. "B" Force 500 yds S of H. 1/1AR S-3 13AR

1645 Fwd elements at: "C" Force at 1100 yds S and W of "I". B Force 200 yds S of "H". 1/1AR S-3 13AR

1545 TFB now at V653965. C/C "A" CO 13AR

1725 CP now located at V653965 C/C "A" CO 13AR

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1730	Our air observer reports road blown at 058000.	93FA	CO 13AR
1748	Elements on left at 2000 yds W of 158. No enemy contact. Road all low. No change in center force.	C/81 Ron	S-3 13AR
1925	Forward elements of 2/13AR now 500 yds SE of check point 173. Held up by direct fire weapons located in next town. Mk VI tank seen, another reported by civilians. Have been fired on for last 15 minutes by direct fire.	2/13AR	CO 13AR
1920	Forward elements ran into trouble from enemy S/P gun and enemy Inf. Very strong opposition at V-548980. We have been forced back. We need help here.	C/81 Ron	CO 13AR
1955	Our advance elements have not proceeded from last point in town, we are meeting stiff resistance there.	CO 13AR	1/1 AR
2000	Advise your people we are sending them assistance.	CO 13AR	C/81 Ron
1955	No material change on Right and Center forces. Ron ran into resistance at V547980. Enemy S/P gun and large amount of Inf tanks have been dispatched to join the Ron elements.	CO 13AR	CG IAD
1940	Ron Platoon that moved to W in difficulty because of enemy fire. Sent Platoon of tanks now attached to you to reinforce that unit immediately. Send also as soon as possible at least a Plat of Inf to out post that group for the night.	CO 13AR	361 Inf.
1840	Reference your elements moving W from 158. They are to secure the junction W of there, approximately 3000 yds. They are to endeavor to make contact with friends coming up from the S. Also maintain liaison with people that are to their rear vicinity of Pt 158. That W is their mission for tonight. Do not proceed beyond that point.	CO 13AR	C/81 Ron
2010	D Co 13AR wants to know if he is to leave the mission he has at 158 and go on the other mission.	C/81 Ron	S-3 13AR
2012	D Co 13AR is to send one element (which was with 2/361 on that special mission)	S-3 13AR	C/81 Ron
2055	C/81 reports enemy Inf and AT gun at 541983. Two of his vchs have been knocked out and burned. There are no friendly troops in that position now. Do you want D Co 13AR to remain where he is. Both C/81 and "D" Co 13AR are here now. A knocked out vehicle has road blocked and there is no by-pass.	2/361 Inf	S-3 13AR
2030	Fwd elements at 566008. Considerable Inffistance and some direct fire. Am attempting to by-pass Pt 161; making by-pass now.	D Co 1/AR	S-3 13AR
2100	Water point location 3000 yds NE of check point 128. Opens 02008.	C/16 Eng	
2125	Fwd elements on right in position for night at 300 yds SE of 173. Last light report - scattered shelling coming from town.	C/81 Ron	S-3 13AR CO 13AR
2150	We are setting down where we were last reported to us.	CO 2/13	
2155	There are no further instructions, except that at the usual hour you will proceed using one or all of your present force to secure the objective you had in mind, for this evening. That incl idea that part you took up where you are this evening. Having secured that position other forces will take over.	S-3 13AR	CO 2/13AR
2125	Forward elements on right in position for night at 300 yds SE of 173. Last light report scattered shelling coming from town.	C/81 Ron	S-3 13AR
2227	Fwd elements at 150 yds S of 161 and on a line due W of this point 500 yds east are receiving small arms fire and some direct fire but am in good shape for the night.	CO W Co/13AR	S-3 13AR
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061,	We are on check point 105. Last night elements moved out from there this morning.	1st/1 AR	CO 13AR
0620	We are sending a liaison officer to contact you.	1/1AR	CO 13AR
0625	Location of elements are as follows - Oak Forest, V500973, Pine Forest - same as June 26.	C/C "B"	CO 1

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0625 Do you want our company to move North or West 2/361 Inf CO 13AR
 0640 We have patrols proceeding toward point 132. They
 are just leaving now. We have elements of C/81 Ron
 proceeding to contact our people near 150. 93FA
 is registered on their obj and is available for use.
 Will you see the people on our E are told this. Tell
 them to watch out for our patrols. Also some of
 Co 13AR vehicles and their long nosed boys are
 available for direct support. I will keep you
 informed. CO 2/13AR CO 13AR - 1/LAR

0705 I gave your msg of 0640 to our S-2, and he will send
 you our check points for today by our LO if you do
 not have them 1/LAR CO 13AR

0710 Now moving and going to occupy bldgs 1000 yds NE of
 check Pt 161. D/1AR S-3 13AR

0717 Our fwd elements have taken their objective (the town
 CHIUSANA) and are moving forward. 1/LAR CO 13AR

0754 Our forward elements are now 200 yds N of check Pt "M",
 (CHIUSANA) 1/LAR CO 13AR

0810 Making progress NE of point 161, mines encountered at
 that point. D/1st AR S-3 13AR

0811 We are sending a small force to contact you at 132.
 They are starting at once. E/13AR 1/LAR.

0825 One of my units is now at 132 after contacting our friends
 at 150. They are meeting some enemy Inf in the town.
 He is directing artillery fire. E/13AR S-3 13AR

0839 One of my people who were around 150 is now at 132 with
 leading elements of our other force. The latest report
 was that they were encountering hand grenades from the
 bldgs in town of CHIUSANO. Our friends along the route
 were proceeding about 3 or 4 minutes ago. E/13AR CO 13AR

0845 I think you should be making preparations and probably
 starting some of the elements who have there back down.
 Our friends will probably want to use that road as well.
 I would still maintain a reasonable force there in case of
 developments. S-3 13AR E/13AR

0845 Reference last location I gave you, the opposition is
 very light. The only trouble they are having is some
 demolitions and mines. 1/LAR S-3 13AR

0849 I just talked to 1st IAR. They report no opposition
 in town. They are only hampered by demolitions and
 mines. Without further orders, on your clarifying
 the situation up there, proceed to bring all of your
 group back down to the assembly area. We ~~XXXX~~ discussed
 with the exception of the element of 81 Ron which is
 now operating. 1/6 Inf does not have any of their vehs
 We can get them back to that assembly area, but I think
 it would be wise to have their vehicles brought up to
 that point. CO 2/13AR S-3 13AR

0925 Our check points were supposedly compromised last night
 when C/81 lost 2 armored cars. Oral.

1000 701 Tp located W of 158 (585972), closed at 0830B Oral.

1001 W enclosure at 158 (585972) 2/361 Inf CO 13AR

1005 Ron Co 701 CP now at 579992 Oral.

1008 Road between 173 and 132 is passable there are some
 obstructions at 132 but the proper people are now
 working on it. 2/13AR CO 13AR

1015 There is quite a bit of enemy arty fire ~~ing~~ falling
 on this area. It is very inaccurate, but ~~disturbing~~
 irritating. Better get a cub to observe area the
 two bridges and the road net E of the bridges around
 morning. If they are aware, they will stop shooting CO 13AR

1110 Information relative to enemy vehs and tanks
 will not be given over this net. CO 13AR

1111 Have 93FA establish on CP on hill (585993). It
 is very good, and they can observe there for
 probably 2 days. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

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1117	1/LAR	S-3 13AR
1120	1/LAR	S-3 13AR
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1147	D Co LAR 701 TD	S-3 13AR S-3 13AR
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1230	G/C "B"	CO 13AR
1245	1/LAR	S-3 13AR
1250	CO 13AR	S-3 13AR
1300	CO 13AR	S-3 13AR
1345	S-3 Air	G-3 IAD
1435	LO 701 TD	CO 13AR
1530	D/LAR	S-3 13AR
1545	1st AR	CO 13AR
1600	D/LAR	CO 13AR
1632	G-3 IAD	CO 13AR
1730	GO 13AR Oral.	93FA
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1855		
1900		Oral.
2028		
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2045	CO 13AR	D/1AR
2105	CO 13AR	G-3 IAD
2120	D LAR	S-3 13AR
2240	2/13AR	CO 13AR
2255		
2300	EO 13AR	Maj Samuels
	CO 13AR	CO 16/eng

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1050	Air OP just reported bridge blown at 584093. Also flushed tanks at 575088 under the bridge. Also small cal. guns vicinity 590114. One direct hit; area swept w/HE and time by Big Brother.	99FA	S-3 13AR
1100	Our forward elements now at 608 yds S of #2.	S-3 13AR	1st AD.
1115	Our forward elements located at: One at 607086 and one at 603075, also my CO wants you to check last msg. to us and give us your location in map ref. code.	1 AR	S-3 13th AR
1120	New BSL line; 15 northing.		
1121	We have not yet secured pt. 2. We are getting ready to move from the locations I just gave you	1 AR	S-3 13th AR
1130	Send the new group under 2/13 to a point about 6000 yds. S of check pt. 3 ans await orders.	CO 13AR	2/13
1130	Position of forward elements unchanged,	D/1	S-3 13 AR
1135	That unit has priority of movement thru 600089 ?	CO 13 AR	G-3 1AD
1200	Tell surgeon to send medical Hq. to join fwd. elements.	CO 13 AR	S-3 13 AR
1215	Forwarding information on roads. They are at 596085 on line NE-SW They have made contact with friends on right. Enemy shelling us at this time. Our tanks and inf are shelling the town, preparatory to inf. moving in.	D/1 AR	S-3 13 AR
1220	Forward elements engaged in fire fight at 597085. Have made contact with friends on right and are working together.	CO 13 AR	CG 1 AD
1225	From OP I can identify but not see 2 enemy guns located at the 59-11 square firing ST. Get cub observation on this if you can.	CO 13 AR	S-3 13-AR
1205	C/C A will have priority on roads 600089 until town is secured from N. there after mutual agreement.	CO 1 AD	CO TFFH
1300	Must have decision from higher command that priority be given to 1st AR thru this intersection for a period of 2 hours after town is secured. Then give our unit priority for a period. Demolitions to be lifted first.	CO 13 AR	CO 1 AR
1310	Relay to higher Hq. We are making a switch because we need it, but the other force probably is not. We are going to make more progress if we do switch. The route of our friends on the other side should be secured first; It overlooks that area and must be secured first before we can turn our backs on the route where we are going. I have recommended that as soon as you report the town taken (the town) not the road the other force should have priority for 2 hours after the town is taken, then we should get it.	CO 13 AR	S-3 13 AR
1322	Extensive demolitions all along route. Engrs. have been working all night and morning with dozers, 8 major demolitions repaired so far. 1050.	CO 13 AR	G-3 1 AD
1330	We are trying to get to the obj. now There is considerable difficulty w/mines and demolitions but they are getting in there as quickly as they can, there is a lot of enemy shooting.	CO 13 AR	S-3 13 AR
1332	Aircraft cub observation over that main stream, ask arty.	CO 13 AR	S-3 13 AR
1345	Aireal ron. reported 2 days ago showed bridge in poor condition but passable at that time to vehicles. It looked like it had been hit by bombs or shells. (bridge at pt. 7 or 171-S one) N bridge; 560104. N bridge is a ford.		

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1400. We have taken that town (Honinggnoli). I asked for a decision on priorities in there. We would like them to move thru while we put tanks in over watching positions. They should go thru the road and then work up; they should have priority for a couple of hours or more. Higher Hq. should tell us when we should start.

1405 I just left your Sunray Minor (COL. DEWEY) who is enroute to you and left us 5 minutes ago. He is going to give you the decision you asked for. It involves exactly what you asked for. The plan was made in anticipation of securing a pt. which you already have. The mission that was given to the force on your right is exactly as you asked. It was contemplated that the other force would proceed on right and assure that part before we make that turn. CG 1 AD is on the other side giving them instructions. The plans (part of which are no longer necessary) involves a double envelopment; (that C/C A would be on the right, we on the left)

1415 regarding priority at this location suggest that C/C A have priority for a period of time after town is secured. Then our forward elements for a time. Number of demolitions to be fixed first; before possible movement, advise.

1450 C/C A plans coordinated attack of town at 600090 at 1700 hours. Attack at that time hour in conjunction. Boundary between commands 59.9 easting. Your attack to cut road 7 of town; 15 minute arty. preparation. 1410 CG c/c A GO 13 AR

1503 Forward elements of A/81 040022, proceeding to H having difficulty w/crossing/ Friendly artillery Bn at 598054 81 Non-Intercept.

1508 Nothing to report. c/c A GO 13 AR

1510 In view of changed situation, what is you plan and where are your forward elements. 1/1 AR GO 13 AR

1527 CG 1st AD arrived at CP 1527. S-3 13 C/C A

1500 LO for C/C A just arrived this CP. He is carrying a duplicate of the msg. which was the last word we had from them. It was the plan for the coordinated attack by CG 1 AD. We are asking them what their new plan and how soon they will start it, in view of the changed situation. CO 13 AR S-3 13

1502 Col. Dewey (s/s) says to get the dope from his G-3 and get information of what he plans to do. CO 13 AR S-3 13

1505 This is suggestion of C/S; That his Sunray (CG-1 AD) be told thru channels now available to switch to this channel and call Col Dewey. S-3 13 CO 13 AR

1508 C/C A is sending patrols up to obj. to contact us. Their difficulty is now to the NE. They are taking steps to reduce that. S-3 13 CO 13 AR

1528 The situation has changed since I last saw you and I presume you do not now wish him to go ahead and execute the plan you gave. As it now stands he (CO 13 AR) is in position to assist the movement of the people on the right and am particularly anxious to know how they are getting along, as it will affect his future movements. Col Dewey from GO 13 AR armored bar to Gen Hamon at 13 CP

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1530 I understand the situation has changed. We do not want the plan to go through as I directed, now. I will get hold of Sunray of the people on the right and tell him to call off the original plan and to continue to move as he was ordered, but not have the original plan go through. Your people should go through as I told you before coming up.
CO 13 AR will be back in short order and talk with you personally. Can you remain there to see him? I will remain here. In the mean time I will call S/C A and tell them of the change in plans.
I have explained to CO 13 AR changes in original plan and I am sure he understands. He is on his way now to see you.

1545. No material change in our situation or our location.
1645 We are receiving arty. Fire believed to be our own. ~~slightly ahead of our position here in a dry~~
~~(they are at 594077)~~

1647 There should be a no-fire line, except on call: 3 of 10, over to 59.

1648 Our forward elements are approximately 800 yds N of check pt. 2.

1655 Fwd elements at 800 yds NE of pt. 2 waiting for friends to pass thru. (C/C A)

1710 CP closed 594035; closed at 1615/
1710 Partisan who just came back from lines reports a battery of guns firing from a wadi at Q-532080 what is thought to be an assault gun in a wadi at Q-565070. Enemy strong point at bridge Q-575088 2 radio cars at Q-572065. 1735.

1740 We would like to have fire clearance on the coordinates of msg. you sent.

1741 Our leading elements are following your column.
1745 Re. your request to fire those missions. Your Sunray says that if you can observe YES! otherwise NO.

1825 I have two kinds of people (inf. and tanks.) If one moves the other should move; if one does not move the other should not. I have made a Ron. of the area and that is my decision. This terrain is very vulnerable. Will you pass this information to CG IAD and tell him of my opinion, so if he still wishes original plan carried out, he will know of this.

1835 There is a great deal of enemy arty being fired. They are not hitting very well, but there is a lot of it. Now this is the time for a very special effort by our arty, and possibly aircraft. The more cubs they fly over this area the less they are going to shoot. Have LO of 93FA plot his harrassing fires for tonite carefully. Have them fire to an extent they have never fired before. Lots of fire missions. I don't think enemy gun positions can be observed, but all possible gun positions should be covered. There is at least one Mehalwerfer.

CG 1 Ad Col Dewey

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CO 13 AR G-3 1 Ad
Lo 13 AR S-3 13 AR

S-3 13 AR LO 93 FA

S-3 13 AR Oral

S-3 13 AR G-3 1 AD

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1845 Friends on right now moving toward our forward elements at check point 2. No change in other positions. CO 13AR G-3 1AD

1847 Dismounted troops observed vicinity 5804. Can you identify them as friendly or not. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1857 I made a report to my Sunray (G-3 1AD) that our tanks were at a certain place. They were there, but when I left here the Sunray of those tanks pulled them back this way w/o authority. Notify the friends on our right. The tanks came back to join the others in an overwatching position. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1910 Be sure and keep those various point you have learned under fire. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1911 Our fwd elements 500 yds S of "A". Approx. 607097. 1/1 AR CO 13AR

1917 We have received from you various reports of enemy installations. Are you keeping fire on them. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1955 ~~Will you please come out here right away.~~

1956 ~~I just talked to your Sunray (G-3) re understanding your message of 1825 hrs which our Sunray Minor wished relayed and approves of the recommendation.~~

2000 Enemy artillery reported at 587088. Can anything be done about that. D/1 AR CO 13AR
L/C 93FA S-3 13AR

2002 We have direct contact with a cub, who will observe.

2004 It is extremely important that I know the activity and progress of friendly troops. Use all means of keeping me informed. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
S-3 13AR CO 13AR

2005 They (G/O A) also question the location of various people

2010 We have elements at 1300 yds SW of point "A". 1/1AR CO 13AR

2020 Attack go off as per scheduled. C/C "A" CO 13AR

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0600 Send back word there were few details who swept this road for mines. I see no sign of D Co 1 AR. Contact Sunray and tell him to come down here at once. Junction has been cleared that both columns man. Move and both are moving. CO 13AR

0614 The bridge (1st one we cross) is reported to be out. Notify G/16 Eng to have bridging ready. (584092) CO 13AR S-3 13AR

0619 First bridge we cross is reported to be out. Get bridging ready. Bridge is 60' in length. S-3 13AR G/16 Eng

0650 Have one Platoon of 701 Ron join tail of this column. Have Sunray of 2/13AR contact Sunray of 701 TD. All of the 701 is attached to the 2/13AR, but only one platoon need join tail of column at this time. Send "G" Co 13AR to point 5 and halt there and await further orders from G 2/13AR. I intend to move my vehicle and that other stuff up so it will be closer together. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

0655 You will move to Check Point 5 and await further orders from G 2/13 AR. Inform us as soon as he gets the msg. S-3 13AR CO E Co 13AR

0705 There is shell fire landing in this area which is definitely our own. (near the road junction). CO 13AR S-3 13AR

0708 I intend to move the CP up there later on. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

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0730	Our left elements 575087 are at RJ 1000 yds NE of 171; our heavy elements just beginning to get across obstacles at 584093.	CO 13AR	S-3 13AR
0745	Request your forward location. My forward elements are at 575087 at 0715 hrs.	S-3 13AR	C/C *A
0827	A platoon of 701 is in now an overwatching position; have a section of that platoon fall in with Lt Parham's column as it passes.	S-3 13AR	L/O 701 TD.
0830	CP now at 1300 yds N of check point 3 at 0815 hrs.	C/81 Ren	S-3 13AR
0920	Forward elements 400 yds N of point 7. Held up by craters and mines. Under repair.	CO 13AR	S-3 13AR
0925	Div CP closes 1000 B; present location and opens at same time 0572020.	G-3 LAD	CO 13AR
0932	Our advance elements at point 13, road 3 from there passable for vehicles as they are running into a great many mines. Others at point 17 are encountering engineer obstacles. The bridge 1000 yds NE of 17 was blown and is by-passed. Progress is very slow.	CO 13AR	S-3 13AR
0944	CP closes at 1000 hrs, opens same time at 0577081.	Oral.	
1000	CP moved out at 141.5 miles and arrived at new location at 145.9 miles.	Oral.	
1000	What is the location of forward elements.	C/C A	CO 13AR
1020	Forward elements held up by road block vicinity 0617125	C/O A	CO 13AR
1045	Advance elements 570103 and 579087.	CO 13AR	O/O A
1100	My situation at present. My right column held up by demolitions 3/4 Km E of 14. They are looking for by-pass. Progress is slow due to mines and demolitions. A small group from F Co 13AR now on high ground E of point #7. E Co 13AR is set now and will move thru this small force as soon as the terrain permits. My FO should be moving thru soon. Force of E CO 13AR leading vehicle encountered mine and is blocking the road. May be some delay due to this.	CO 2/13AR	CO 13AR
1145	Bridge that is holding up column on route. Engr's estimate it will take 8 hrs work and 120' of bridging to fix it up. Stream is approx 100' wide and 15' deep. We are attempting to find a by-pass.	CO 2/13AR	CO 13AR
1145	We have located a by-pass of that bridge. There are few obstacles in the way now. We will remove those and move on as quickly as possible.	CO 2/13AR	CO 13AR
1157	Right column held up by major demolition. Preparing a by-pass Left column allowed up by mines.	CO 13AR	G-3 LAD
1220	A/6 Inf is at point 14, he reports bridge there to be OK. Friendly civilians report that late yesterday afternoon they saw 300 Inf, w/several tanks and some horse drawn artly pass thru the vicinity of 14, these were moving North.	2/13AR	CO 13AR
1225	Forward elements of 2/13 are now passing point 12.	2/13AR	CO 13AR
1235-	Location of forward elements now at 615134.	O/O *A	CO 13AR
1315	CP now located at 587093.	2/13AR	CO 13AR
1330	We had a report from our forward elements of some troops and vehicles at a point 2000 yds NW of point 13. Can you identify. Ans: Those are friendly elements coming down.	2/13 AR	S-3 13AR

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1337 Friendly elements on your left were at 597081. at 1108B. They have reported very heavy traffic moving N between CASTELNUOVO AND MONTECERBOLI. S-3 13AR 2/13AR

1340 Forward elements now at 2000 yds S of Pt 13. Request present Bomb safety line. CO 13AR CO IAD

1353 E Co has reached a point 300 yds short of 1st objective CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1357 Friends on your right are held up by road block resistance at a point 1500 yds NE of point 13. S-3 13AR CO 13AR

1400 CG arrived CP 13AR. CO 13AR is to report back here as soon as possible. Oral.

1410 It is reported that a tank company commander yesterday refused to permit a supporting gun to go into position in the area that his company occupied. It took 8 hours work before this gun could fire while if the tank commander had not been so short sighted that heavy piece could have been firing seven hours earlier. All commanders will see to it that every assistance is given to the artillery in securing the most favorable positions, even at an inconvenience to themselves and their commands. SO 13AR ALL UNITS
C/81 Rcn S-3 13AR

1436 Bridge at 527073 blown. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1420 Enemy vehicles sighted at 528088.

1455 Enemy vehicles reported at 528088. When reaching objective 1 he spotted some fresh tracks of a Mk IV, we are now preparing fire to perhaps clean some thing out. The gully is 80' deep and 150' wide, we are looking for a by-pass. CO 13AR 2/13AR

1505 F/13AR is 800 yds S of point 14, they hear the enemy using demolitions as the advance slowly. 2/13AR CO 13AR

1512 Our south column is now at 530073. Bridge 300 yds W of that point is out when we got to the bridge some fresh Mk IV tank tracks could be seen so the tank commander fired into the area to flush something else out. The N column is at 458098. They are encountering mines and demolitions. CO 13AR G-3 IAD

1515 You are relieved of your overwatching position and can go into a rest area. CO 13AR D/1AR

1516 Fwd elements of B/81 Rcn 6003 at 1430 B. B/81 Rcn

1530 CP at 586071 2/361 Inf CO 13AR

1532 I am now with Sunray 2/13 A⁴ he is remaining and I am going forward. One force has contacted friendly elements at pt 13. We have some heavy elements by point 14, progress there is slow for our heavy elements, very slow because of heavy demolitions. Elements on Left still at last position. Bad obstacle there. No enemy opposition. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1600 Get word to your Sunray that his Sunray wants as accurate an estimate as possible of bridge at 526074 and also ~~SECRET~~ whether a by-pass suitable for all vehicles has been found CO 13AR C/16 Eng.

1602 Maj. Gen. Henry visited with Col. Howze at our CP. Oral.

1604 My Sunray is anxious to get all information on that bridge, also if a by-pass has been found yet and to estimate on bridge has been made, as it is a big bridge. CO 13AR 2/13AR

1650 My Sunray wishes to know whether E/13AR has been able to locate a by-pass. S-3 13AR 2/13AR

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- 1655 Reference that by-pass: As yet they didn't have it 15 minutes ago. My and your Sunray's Minor are both there now. CO 2/13AR S-3 13AR
- 1657 As you know, N of where your right elements are working there is a trail which runs parallel to the road. It begins about 200 yds S of L4 and hits the N road about 500 yds N of 27. Has that been reconnoitered yet. S-3 13AR CO 2/13AR
- 1658 Yes, at the present time, F Co 13AR is on that trail and we believe he is going to make it. If (the trail) comes out further N than is shown on the map. It is difficult going and impossible to orient oneself there. He is making progress and thinks he can get some of his vehicles thru. Also, we sent 6th Inf some of his elements to secure point 27. When we get thru this by-pass we intend to send something back down the trail to the S and contact them. There is one other thing, I have made E Co 13AR responsible for making contact w/F Co 13AR on the road which comes into point 27 from the S. If and when E Co is able to get across that obstacle. CO 2/13AR S-3 13AR
- 1745 Do not proceed W from check point 27 to make contact with friends. Send everything toward check point 24. All elements will move W from 24 to previously designated objectives. That includes left (E Co 13AR) column. Proceed N, not W, w/priority on column that moves directly N. Other column will proceed W to make contact. Mission to make contact w/friends N of check point 203 still in effect. CO 13AR CO 2/13AR
- 1748 Part of our people (F Co) is now about 2500 yds from the end of that by-pass. There are several obstructions still in his way, on which he is working. CO 2/13AR CO 13AR
- 1749 Priority on N road means - in case something blocks your way on N route, you can send something both ways. CO 13AR CO 2/13AR
- 1750 They now have a by-pass which will bring them out at pt 27. They are starting across now on the advice of S-3 13AR. Advance elements contacted friends on right. CO 2/13AR S-3 13AR
- 1802 I am familiar w/change in mission for that column. The 81Rcn of that column have already contacted the friendly column in the vicinity of point 27. We have just started the main left column around a by-pass to point 27. It is the recommendation of the Sunray of C/16 Eng that the left route be discontinued because of the bad obstacles and impractical by-pass. In compliance w/changed directive, when elements makes by-pass, they will drop in behind the right column and proceed on mission as ordered. EO 13AR S-3 13AR
C/16 Eng
- 1851 CP now located at point 7.
- 1850 Our forward elements are moving N toward 124, Q531125.
- 1917 2/13AR elements at 536105 on trail.
- 1925 Arrived new location, CP now at 576015, 149.5 miles.
- 1943 Inf on Bridge at 526074, will require at least 170' ft bailey, 160' gap, 50 - 60' deep. By pass very long and difficult. Major project to improve. Difficult Bailey site. At least 2 days heavy equipment work to make good. C/16 Eng S-3 13AR
- 1955 Bridge at 568104 blown. 150' gap - 50' deep. By pass

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1955 long and difficult passing thru stream bed. Heavily mined. Cont'd Will require heavy equipment at least one day. Barely able to pass at present. No bridge at 559104. By-pass fair. Rd from 559104 - 537098, heavily mined and numerous demolitions. Column by-passing to North.

2115 A/6 Inf is at point 24, will remain there until further orders. 6/165SG CO 13AR
1/6 Inf 2/13AR

2132 F Co 13AR is unable to use the route from point 14 to point 27 so he took a by-pass to the North. He is coming in above of point of 27. As soon as he gets by that point E Co will inform me. I have a report from B-4 that the fwd elements of F Co are at point 24. I am trying to check on that now; will you inform me. 2/13AR S-3 13AR

2139 I am w/ E Co 13AR. His fwd elements are 100 yds NE of point point 27. He is waiting for F Co 13AR to clear him. 2/13AR S-3 13AR

2135 Erratic 2918003 boundary between 1st AD and 3d Div is as follows: 500923 on RT Q293995 - North on Hwy 24 to RT Q290211 - thence W on Hwy 68 to RT Q287220 - all this inclusive to 3d Div. thence to Q292225 to Q280310 to RT Q292389. CG LAD CO 13AR
CO 13AR G-3 LAD

2200 Msg of 2135 ack.

2202 D Co on point 24. E Co is ready to come in when needed. We have point 24 and the place beyond that. Just b before we got to 24 we got some artillery. 2/13AR S-3 13AR

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0645 We have run into a road block 1000 yds W of point 24. I am going to try to find a by-pass, about 3 minutes ago there were three large explosions at 495135. As yet we have seen nothing of friends who was to pass thru them this morning. CO 2/13AR CO 13AR

0650 The situation at present is that we have run into heavy demolitions and a few minutes ago several large explosions were heard. By passes are being Ron. At present the friends who was to pass thru us this AM have not arrived. CO 13AR CO LAD.

0718 Our forward elements beyond point 24, approx Pt 58, held up by major demolitions; attempting to find by-pass. Let AR just beginning to pass thru our elements either at 27 or 24. 2/13AR CO 13AR
G-3 LAD S-3 13AR

0750 1st flying mission by 1100B, send target.

0850 My Sunray wants to know if you want air on the town 1800 yds NW of point 85. S-3 13AR 2/13AR

0910 Town 1800 yes NW of 85. My Sunray says that we will be there probably before 1100B. If we have a target, we will let you know. Our fwd elements have point 85. We have found a by-pass and are preparing to move. 2/13AR S-3 13AR
81 Ron S-3 13AR

0917 Advance elements Co B: 81 Ron at 680099 at 0830B

0920 No suitable targets available at present time. Will keep you informed. Request BSL. My forward elements now at 518118. CO 13AR G-3 LAD

1000 Our location is approx the same as before. They started thru the by-pass and it was full of mines. Sweepers had trouble with their instruments, waiting for replacements. Can we fire at 4513 (IPPOLITO) Gun flashes have been seen there, also tracked vehicles. 2/13AR S-3 13AR

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1010 Reference your permission to fire; permission not granted, S-3 13AR 2/13AR
because friendly elements on your left at 390130.

1010 Enemy reported retreating N along entire front. 1st AD S-3 13AR

1018 Demolitions are very extensive, I noticed a column of enemy vehicles firing in the vicinity of town IPPOLITO. You can report that about 3 enemy tanks were in that area firing. 2 of them pulled out and other traffic is on the road leading NW. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1025 Send an officer capable of leading bombers into targets to Div air strip. (Capt VanZant is designated for 13AR) G-3 1AD S-3 13AR

1030 Report to higher headquarters that we are running into extensive mines and demolitions. There are a great many mines, some are minefields. They have some across 85 and just blew up our last dozer. (None available before noon) CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1115 We are on point 62. The initial reconnaissance indicates that the main route from that point is impassable for vehicles. However, they are still looking and it may not be so. No enemy assistance this morning. ~~S-3 13AR S-3 13AR~~

1205 CP at Q530113. 2/13AR S-3 13AR

1205 C/O B right column 466166; left column 425157. They have spotted in front of them a couple of Mk VI's. Are receiving some AT, S/A and artil'y fire. Now 2 mile NW of pt 66. Oral.

1220 Elements of 168 Inf in SASSA Q315135 at 1100 hrs. Oral.

1253 Forward elements of F go are 600 yds N of point 62. They have been having trouble but are making a pretty good road behind them. 2/13AR S-3 13AR

1402 Report of fwd elements F Co at approx 400 yds S of point 71. They encountered an enemy mine laying detail of 2 men who took off. They are encountering quite a few mines and demolitions. 2/13AR S-3 13AR

1410 Left column E Co 13AR is at point 60. They are held up by a blown bridge and various other demolitions. (499136) 2/13AR S-3 13AR

1430 CG wants one force on reaching contact point 66 to continue N to river, other force N from point 62; both presumably to meet later near point 73 or ~~point~~ 59. 1st AD S-3 13AR

1435 CG directs that the force moving towards 66 will continue on to the N from that point, taking the road which is 1500 yds E of 59 and will continue until they reach the line that runs NW from 73. Elements on our left are being advised of that line, they will probably move E to meet the others provided a passage to the N cannot be found. S-3 13AR CO 13AR

1455 Moved CP at 149.5 miles. Arrived new location at 51123 at 1640 hrs. Oral.

1700 We have light elements at 66; heavy elements held up at 62 by blown bridge.

1708 Have found a by-pass at point 60. Proceeding on. CO 13AR CO 1AD

1715 Will you have D Co and attachments move forward today to the vicinity of 577091 if they have not displaced from where they were last night. 2/13AR S-3 13AR

1800 Our Sunray minor contacted our forward elements. E Co is at 66 now, our Sunray understands and Rogers your msg from Big Sunray. F company is now 800 yds NW of 65. He is still

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1800	moving - they got on wrong road and went almost to point 67 and couldn't get across on road and came back. He received some direct fire and artilly at point 67.	2/13AR	S-3 13AR
1838	Sunray Minor reports that the by-pass at 60 is practically impossible to get thru. If that by-pass is expected to be used it will have to be fixed by a dozer. We have a report that the foremost elements are at point 66. I believe the heavy stuff is across. It is the lighter stuff that is having the most trouble getting across.	2/13AR	S-3 13AR
1845	Our situation is as follows; Our leading elements are now at 73. They are, and have been having considerable rough time, drawing a lot of heavy stuff. It is very accurate. We have just been ordered to proceed beyond the point where you are today before dark. This applies to D & F Co's. My Sunray requires that you pass point 73 by dark tonight.	S-3 13AR 93FA	CO 2/13AR S-3 13AR
1900	We are now firing on an SP at 505195.		
1915	things have quietened down a little now. I have my A's firing or about reported inilly battery. We are now getting as much fire as we were. We are still in the vic of point 73 and have picked up a few PW's. We are to go beyond 73. That also applies to point 61. From where you are can you tell how those 2 elements will be able to give each other material support.	2/13AR	S-3 13AR
1917		CO 13AR CO 2/13	2/13AR CO 13AR
1918	We won't be able to do much. Ground in front of me. The terrain is heavily wooded. I have picked out a couple of passable trails. A little S/A fire has been received by our leading elements.	CO 13AR	CO 2/13AR
1919	Work the woods over then put your small stuff; then your light stuff, then your heavy into the area.	CO 13AR	CO 2/13AR
1920	We will fire harassing fires N of line 6176 tonight. The y will be at least 1500 yds beyond it.	CO 13AR	CO 2/13AR
1930	We have just turned off of the main highway between points 66 and 59. We have turned down that road approx 400 yds. So far as I know, no other unit but mine is ahead on this road. My stuff is all past the by-pass but we are having trouble along the main road. I think we will along all right. We have just cleared out some mines as we got to the opening but have not found any since.	E/13AR	CO 13AR
1930	You are to get beyond point 61 by dark. I believe that you can afford to put part of your light elements (Inf) on your vehicles and move on down that road w/men looking carefully in front to detect mines. As you approach 61 you are to be more careful to protect yourself from enemy fire. As you approach 61, you should not cross all your elements over. Keep some W of 61 to cover you to the N and to the E. Work forward elements over first, then establish small point at the other side of 61. It is desirable that you have heavy elements beyond 61 by dark. You can put them all or not according to your own judgement. Make sure you do not get caught in a pocket. The other people are going to be beyond 73. They are at 73 now. Watch you left flank.		

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2000 Sunray Minor reports forward elements of our friends on the left are 200 yds N of point 78. 2/13AR S-3 13AR
2017 All column to cross ESCINA RIVER by dark today. Ack. CG LAD S-3 13AR
2048 Ack your msg of 2017 hrs. S-3 13AR G-3 LAD.
2045 Forward elements of E Co 13AR 900 meters SW of 61 and moving along OK. 2/13AR S-3 13AR
2103 Situation shaping up very well. It is much quieter now. But there is still some stuff coming in. Am moving now. Will give you details later. F CO/13AR S-3 13AR
2108 Forward elements on left report 200 yds short of 61. G/81 Ron S-3 13AR
2200 Mission tomorrow is as follows: Get to Hwy 68 as rapidly as possible. Most feasible routes seem to be: Right column up creek bed via 504195 and 503235. Left column via ridge road thru MAZZOLA. Both columns will probably have to use cross road at point 78, so establish traffic control to permit both columns to cross at once. C/C "B" already at point 69 to your NW. CO 13AR 2/13AR

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0647 We are between a point approximately 500 yds SW of 76 & 78. We have not arrived at 78 yet. No contact yet this morning. CO 2/13AR CO 13AR
0725 I am now at point 78. The left column isn't here yet. I am going to meet CO 2/13AR here. We have found some mines. Crossing will be practicable after we remove the mines. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
0808 93FA wants to register on a point 2000 yds NW of point 78. S-3 13AR CO 13AR
0808 Tell the arty that the answer is NO. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
0825 All of E Co 13AR with CO 13AR at point 78. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
0907 Have Sunray of D/13AR report here at once. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
0930 Please relay to higher Hq that E/13AR has found a way across E Co 13AR has reconnaissance 3000 yds S. It is going to be a pick and shovel job to make any more headway and that all day long. We are running into a great deal of mines, have uncovered at least 100 already - I heard your other message regarding the vehicle, it may be a stranded vehicle, do not have fire brought on it. CO 13AR NO 13AR
0935 Reference those other forces that we want to get up to a better lateral axis: That isn't going to be possible for some time. See what higher Hqtr's wants done about it. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
0935 2/361 Inf is going to move into this general area shortly S-3 13AR CO 13AR
0935 Don't move anyone else in for awhile besides them. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
0935 No material change in situation. CO 13AR G-3 LAD
1000 I talked to CG 1st AB and explained the situation to him. He says for us to do the best we can. We shall consolidate here and be prepared for any eventuality. BO 13AR CO 13AR
1040 Situation remains same. We are digging, trying to get vehs thru. It is impossible to pass one veh beyond another. You know what happened, to our dozer. Even if we had one, we couldn't get it to the head of the column. Two Mk VI's are reported behind us. Ron reports enemy Inf Arm'd armed with bazookas, coming in on from the right. We are getting a few prisoners and taking out a lot of mines. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
1047 Request clearance for registration on check point 80. S-3 13AR 93FA.

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1150 Progress about 50 yds an hour. It is impossible to maintain contact w/forward people. I think some of our light elements are not far from point 80; heavy elements still held behind due to the small sunken roads on which we are working. We have run into some German infantry; a fire fight is going on now. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
C/16 Eng. S-3 13AR

1158 CP located at point 67.

1225 Inf out in front of our leading elements - they report they are pinned down and tanks are being sent up to support them. The story is this: We are having a Hell of a time getting over the road. Just now getting one column past - both columns are in a mess. It is very difficult. We are a considerable distance short of point 80. CO 13AR S-3 13AR
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1240 Give me location of advance elements on our left. C/81 Ron S-3 13AR

1242 We are 1000 yds SW of 69. C/81 Ron S-3 13AR

1315 CP location 2000 yds S of point 61. C/81 Ron S-3 13AR

~~1340 We finally progressed but had no reconnaissance and are about 1500 yds S of point 80. There is nothing up here but my vehicles.~~

1350 5 German prisoners from the 26th FG Div about 1500 yds S of point 80. That is about where we are now. The other column is now struggling up the other way. CO 13AR S-3 13AR

1355 Your Sunray was just here. He was somewhat concerned about the situation, but he said he would continue to let you work things out for the balance of the afternoon. FO 13AR CO 13AR

1355 We have run into very considerable enemy resistance. Most of it Inf, also considerable artillery. CO 13AR FO 13AR

1359 On your left c/c "B" is not beyond 69 as yet. They are working towards point 83. Progress is very slow. FO 13AR CO 13AR

1409 Ask artillery L/O to get a cub in the air, and have a look all over the ground, N of VOLTEERRA. PW's report that is where all their artillery is. Have them shoot some concentrations into suspected and possible positions, down in gullies and in brush and trees. CO 13AR FO 13AR
S-3 13 CO 13AR

Your SunRay (CG 1st AD) is extremely anxious for us to get up on the highway at 63 if at all possible. He wondered if we hadn't better start using the 2/361 up there? At the moment they are at check point 66 with their transportation.

Send the infantry with their transportation to point 61 then let them go otherwise (march) and go to point 78 ; have their SunRay come ahead and report to me. I am 1100 W and 800 yds N of point 76. I don't feel any other unit should be moved up.

1414 You have already fired one concentration on MAZOLA, I want more fire on it. CO 13AR 93 FA

1425 Shoot one round of smoke at 492228 (3 volleys followed)

0750 Disregard msg. this HQ. 30-2350. This CP closes present location at 1000 hrs. opens vicinity Q-530120 same time CO 1AD All Units

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1430	Leading elements of 139 Regt. just S CECINA, 135 Regt. at 185225, 204231, 190204, 168 Regt. at 252270, 263260, 274245.	34 Div. 1 AD (intercept)
1430	Elements of A/81 Ren. at 04302571s checking the road for information later.	81 Ren. 1 AD (intercept)
1430	Bridge at Q-626277 has been knocked out.	Div. Air OP 1 AD (intercept)
1443	CP at 678105	81 Ren. 1 AD (intercept)
1445	Forward elements of D/81 at 658153 at 13158	81 Ren. 1 AD (intercept)
1446	CP at 611164	81 Ren. 1 AD (intercept)
1500	Request information of your forward elements.	CO TPH CG C/C A
1520	CG 1 AD recommends that we send a Bn. of infantry up there. We have alerted (2/361) and they are enroute. They are to join your column. Our position is practically the same, hardly any progress. Infantry reported in a fire fight. CG diagnosed possibility of pulling us out. He told him it was as hard to pull us out as it was to go ahead. Bn was told to entruck and go to a point just short of the river where they were to contact CO TPH.	S-9 13AR Maj. Powell 1 A D
1535	I refer to 2/361. Make sure they have their FOs with them and also, I would like some one to come up and see me and bring me the latest dope as to the situation on our right and left. Have them bring up an SOI. I have a lot of things to talk over with our Seagull (Maj. Menard).	CO 13 AR S-3 13AR thru 701
1558	Our Sunray 900 (13AR) would like to see you and wants certain information. Our Commo is enroute up to see him with certain materials. Am sending a message with out Commo for you. Will you wait along the axis of advance, pick up that msg. and go up to see Sunray? Is 361 on the move? Yes I passed forward elements 361 on the road.	S-3 13AR Asst. S-3 13AR
1605	Forward elements E/13 located 2 Km. S of pt. 80. Not in contact with other elements. Will report location as soon as possible. (492228).	2/13 CO 13AR
1615	COL. Howze wanted last information as to units on our flanks. C/C A 1555B 639192, 607184, 600167, 647160. C/C B 445228, 401230, 383232. You will recall the General said C/C A could not go beyond 605214 until unit on it's right came up; that C/C B units were attempting to secure 417242; that he hoped we could get th the highway 68 but that if we could not get forward he would consider withdrawing us. Tell him of the changed set up in the Division Staff.	Col. Maj. Gardiner Menard
1645	Request location of your forward elements. URGENT.	CO 13AR CO C/C B
1720	Road from 520265 is full of enemy vehicles. We are in position to observe and can adjust fire on target.	C/81 93 FA
1730	Forward elements of F/13 and attached units are at the following locations; 3800 yds. due N of pt. 76 and 600 yds W and 3500 yds north of point 76.	

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1830 Locations of C/C B.s. as of 1652, 448220, 446212, 290292, 390250 LO-1 AD S-3 13 AR

1835 Locations of flank elements as of 1700B. C/C B CP 465171, Capt. S-3 13 AR
458220, 448213, 395239; C/C A 603185, 608191, 600167, R/81
651159, 650165. Hazelrigg

1905 We have observation on point 519263 and on quite a few 93 FA C/81
roads running E of VALTERA (intercept)

1912 Report your CP location. URGENT? Div. Air OP CO TFF

1940 The following changes in Divisions left boundary is 1 Ad All Units
effective July 1st, 1600B. 0300204, 310263, 337347, 300210,
310300, 311400.

1947 We'll have some targets for the arty. Tell them to use some of Go 13 AR 13 AR S-3
it for harassing fires. Also by relay thru FO who has the guns
with 2/13, he is going to direct some fires for 93 FA/ The
normal FO got separated from his vehicle/ Tell him to take
requests relayed thru 2/13 or me. Send to me instructions
for tomorrow as early as possible. I refer to a unit of
6th Inf. I reported to Seacull (Maj. Leonard) that they had
a good deal of trouble by the way of ~~several~~ I told him
that was probably exaggerated; it was greatly. They have not
had losses that were serious. If that report has gone to
higher Hq., correct it.

2010 Left element almost reached MAZOLA this morning. Germans CO 13AR S-3 13AR
waited until they almost reached town, then opened up with
every thing they had. 3 of our Tanks were knocked out, 2 of
which burned. Ran into quite a bit of M/G fire. It was
first reported that the 6th Inf. had heavy casualties. That
has been found erroneous. At the present F/13, which is the
tanks on the fight force are now at approximately 502234.
Infantry is approximately 506235. They are receiving some
infalade fire (enemy artilly has been heavy) There was a lot
of enemy artillery coming from the W. Spproximately 3 batterys
of enemy (positions undetermined) firing on them. 2/361 is
moving up there now. Enemy reaction expected to be very strong
in the cutting of the lateral road. CO 13AR thinks we can
possibly (about a 50-50 chance) reach the lateral road tonite.
Approximate area of E/13 tanks: 493220. Very strong enemy
resistance vicinity of and thru town of MAZOLA

2030 C/C B positions as of 1700B, 388236; another force slightly 1 AD S-3 13AR
SE approximately 445215. Mostly around the town at 417245
(check point 83; C/C B.s. obj. I.

2040 Attention S-3 and Holdfast Sect. Glass 33 Bailey completed. 16 Engrs 1 AD

2042 No material change in location of forward elements. Still 81 Rcn. 1 AD
hampered by enemy artillery fire. No change on friends on
right. (intercept)

2045 CG 1 AD says it is at your discretion whether or not you
attack tonite. Recommends that pressure be maintained on
enemy by Rcn. in force or some thing similar. Do you intend
to secure MAZZOLA tonite? It is felt that by maintainig

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PRESSURE that in the event enemy with draws he will not have an opportunity to lay many mines or large scale demolitions. Desires to know your complete intentions for tonight, All personnel are invited to suggest means of identifying own forward troops to the air. Commanders will see that this invitation will reach all ranks.

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CG 13 AR

2200 All personnel are invited to suggest means of identifying own forward troops to the air. Commanders will see that this invitation will reach all ranks.

CG 1 Ad

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0640 CP closes 0700B and opens vicinity Q-475180 at 0800B
0700 We are moving our CO closer to you where we can over watch. D/13 left here about 2 hours ago to proceed to a point S of 61 and to await orders.
0700 Left bivouac area (511223) abt 30 miles
0740 Arrived new bivouac area (Q-475180) at 167.4 miles
0840 There is considerable artillery coming in. Also the leading people report that they have run into some thing which is direct fire (flat stuff). I am trying to check on that. We are just about due E of point 69 but some elements are some what beyond that. Tell CG LAD that we are working up and I will give him reports of what I estimate the strength to be here, probably in about 1/2 to 1 hour.
0850 Request present locations.
0850 No material change in situation. Progress slow. Receiving hvy arty. fire and direct fire.
0909 Friends on left are 1500 yds NW of point 83.
0911 93 now firing on RJ at 461297.
0915 No change in locations from yesterday. New routes being ren'd. Change should come soon.
0930 Request your present location. Ans. Come to point 78 and we will have a guide there:CO.
0932 CG 1st AD on way over to see 30 13th AR.
1000 No material change since last report.
0955 We have been working over a large group of buildings from right to left. We were supposed to be getting quite a few bit of fire from there:effect was excellent I saw one vehicle pass there on the road.
1005 We are moving now and getting some arty. out there now.
1207 I gave you no authority to get those troops up here. I want you at point 80 within 1/2 an hour. Do NOT wait for those troops.

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1000	There is no change in our situation and I can't get it changed.	CO 13AR	S-3 13AR
1020	Start moving your vehicles immediately. ANS. We are moving.	CO 2/13	E/13
1022	Situation remains as it was. There has been very little change. However we are moving forward now.	CO 2/13	S-3 13AR
1030	Forward elements at Q-626196, 605209, 645168, 656170 and 576195 (0830).	CC A	CO 13 AR
1055	Very little change in situations. Elements moving forward, movements very slow.	CO TFH	1 AD, CO B, CO A
1110	Tell CO 701st to meet Col Gardiner at your CP.	CO 13 AR	S-3 13AR
1134	I am down in the valley on the other side. We ran into fire here, it seems like direct fire. We are right along that stream approximately 200 yds. short of where there is a trail that turns off to go to 80 (470248). I will continue to look for the stream banks and see if we can have some PWs and they will be to the right as we turn off. Making slow progress at 1143.	F/13	CO 2/13
1135	We are to the west of the town, about 200 yds. from there. We are moving. (470248)	E/13	CO 2/13
1150	Positions of C/C B 09451, 450217, 390250, 400190, 407245, 1120, 398266, 406256, 1130, 397267, 425237, 409263, 404256, (2600 yds W and slightly N of point 69---- 2000 yds NW of point 83.	LO C/C B	S-3 13AR
1208	We have been moving, but are held now as the doughboys are getting around us and I have one or two vehicles that are about to lose a track. I am getting that fixed up and will move on shortly. We are now approximately 1500 yds SW of town.	E/13	CO 13 AR
1215	C/C B has reached RJ at 417242. They are going to put a block for that lateral road. They are also going to establish a road block at 415295. C/C B suggests that we get fighter bombers to bomb bridges N of VOLTERRA vic. of 436347. (Our PW reports that those bridges have been bombed.	C/C B	S-3 13AR
1204	Send a L/O to C/C B.	C/C B	CO 13 AR
1253	I noticed that you are getting strong reaction on the right. CG has just talked to me. Things on our left have improved some what. He again raises the question as to whether you might wish to consider a movement from that direction as he has suggested before. I have sent 2 COs up to see you that we discussed, and the D/13 should be enroute -shortly.	S-3 13AR	CO 13AR
	There are some more boys just like them (D/1 AR) I propose to send out an element of C/81 Rcn to take a look at the possibilities, in the event that it should be practicable to employ that other element in that direction.	CO 13AR S-3 13AR	S-3 13AR CO 13AR
	In case you do employ D/1 as we considered, 1/6 has some stuff also that can go with him.	COOL3 AR	S-3 13AR

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1255	I shall do nothing until after I hear from C/81 That target at 492246 (MAZZOLA); We have been firing around that all morning. Do you want us to knock it down ?	S-3 13AR CO 93 FA	CO 13AR CO 13AR
	No. Can you get some subs to observe N and NW of VOLTEPRA and look for gun positions. There are NEBELWERFERs and a good deal of arty. firing from that direction. Tell your observer to shoot at places where he would put a battery.	CO 13 AR	93 FA
1313	CP at Q-480165.	C/16	S-3 13AR
1314	No material change in situation since last report.	CO 13 AR	1 AD
1400	We are about 1500 yds from our obj. held up by direct fire.	E/13	CO 13 AR
1400	Left column held up by hvv. direct fire. No material change on right force.	CO TFFI	S-3 1 AD C/C A
1400	No change in forward elements.	C/C B	CO 13AR
1400	Prison air search at Q-487144.		CO 13AR
1440	I have just talked with F/13. he is stopped by mines (a mine field which is bracketed on both sides with enemy arty.). He has lost about 4 veh. and he has no communications at the present time. My own vehicle is on the way up to him now. I have contacted my SunRay minor who is out getting him some help (engrs.) to get rid of them. I have not been able to contact E/13	CO 2/13	CO 13 1 AD
1540	I am at a point 600 yds E and 1700 N of pt. 61	CO 13 AR	1/6
1545	F/13 is stopped and is afraid he can't go on much farther. He is afraid of his right rear. We are sending some thing up to take care of -his right rear. E/13700 yds from 80.	Capt. Butts CO 2/13	CO 2/13 Capt. Butts
1550	Tell SunRay that 93FA said all available subs are in the air. That was over an hour ago. They have all been directing the big Boys		
1553	C/C B now reported 3000 yds NW of 83.	S-3 13 AR	CO 13AR
1600	No material change since last report.	CO TFFI	G-3 1 AD
1600	Situation as of 1440 hours. 2 Co 91st Ren Sq. at 265275. Forward elements of tanks and inf C/C B reported at 404270 moving forward.	LO C/C B	CO TFFI
1605	I have had to fall back several hundred yds, since the report I last sent to you. I had to pull back 300 yds from last reported position due to direct fire, A/T. The infantry had to go back in the woods on the right flank where there was a great deal of trouble. The mine fields were as you go up that trail that leads to check point 80, up the hill, on the left side as you start up the hill. I have already started the small boys who were with us yesterday, to go on that right flank.	Capt Clay F/18	CO 2/13
	_____ went into a wadi into the other side and started towards that town. It was there that my vehicle hit mines. The inf was on the side and to	CO 2/13	Capt Clay

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the rear and hit some artillery before starting out. I left one of those 3 units on the right to cover that flank as we went. they run into quite a bit of casualties; estimated one to two Cos. of German infantry. They took 18 prisoners who also gave that estimate of German infantry in that vicinity. My SunRay Minor says he thinks A/T fire which we received, where my vehicle was knocked out by mines is coming from our right front.

I have told 1/6 to send some of his boys up there to help you. CO 13AR F/13

1700 I am at town waiting out side for my dough boys to come up to me. Infantry is on my right flank and I have run into mines. As soon as the dough boys get here, we can get into the town. E/13 F/13

1540 D Co has reached block at Q-649165, dismounted men at Q-657170 area vicinity CR Q-66-172. Flat no cover. Bridge at 660172 blown. Entire area under direct enemy observation not judged feasible to place troops in area. Balance of D Co moving route Q-658150-Q-657156-Q-664160-Q-675158 to vicinity Q-674176 to establish road block being done in conjunction with friends on right. C/81 (intercept)

1640 Forward elements vic. 397268 have been stopped by enemy action and several S/P guns and tanks. Other elements at 365275, 348244. C/C B (intercept)

1540 Horse artillery mounted and Inf on roads vic. Q-382370. Request fighter bombers. Special BSL Q-30 nothing/. C/C B Div. Air OP

1305 Request mission given to C/81 Ron. Mission can be coordinated. CG 1 AB- CO 13 AR

1747 Tell the party that wants to see SunRay to come up here. Our location is 390 yds E and 1600 yda N of Point 61/. CO Trh 2 plt. C/81

1815 We have reached our designated pt. and are awaiting for your code word, (1800) 2/361 3-3 13AR

? Our Inf has worked their way up there and have taken 3 more prisoners; have not run into a great deal of small arms fire. Have gotten a lot of other stuff (mostly direct) laid on them. The CO of the inf says it is direct fire coming down on them. I have worked a section of the light stuff up there to help them/ My sweepers have arrived here. However there is no one here to protect them while they sweep. If I move my stuff out there they wont be able to work. I think the direct fire is coming some where on our right front, shooting across that little wadi that runs over to the right, CO F/13 3-3 13 AR

1840 We have infantry at exactly 4000 yds S and 3500 yds E of point 64. E/13 did what he was supposed to do CO 13 AR 3-3 13 AR

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1042 looking for Nebelwerfer positions for you. Have they been firing.

1043 At 1000 hrs forward patrols report making contact with enemy Inf at approximately 27. Northing line.

1100 Air OP reports 3 big guns at 200 yds S of big Castle at 462283.

1117 Patrol #1 lost radio contact. Sent back foot msg. They were then located E of town of MAZZOLA. Report they encountered one Mat Gun patrol at that point.

1122 Tell Sunray that the leading elements of the force that just started out have entered the town.

1130 Patrol #2 located at Q93262. Reports enemy using highway 68.

1130 The sweepers have worked all the way up to 80. road is all clear now up to 80. They did not draw anything at all. Everything is very quiet on my right flank. I don't know what there is anything there now.

1200 We got out about 8 vehicles last night and one this morning. I think we can get out one or 2 more. The other 3 are wrecked. I had rather not do it in daylight as we have to put 2 or 3 T-2's on each one. I don't know the situation on my flanks. I rec'd word from an Inf patrol that was about 400 yds that the highway and says that the enemy is still using the road. There is apparently a lot of enemy in the town (VOLTERRA) and a lot of artil'y. We haven't encountered much resistance yet, but I think they are waiting for us.

1206 Can you tell me what information you have at the present time of that outfit based around the CO of 701st to come up. I just talked to my CO and he says Col Russell apparently gave us a wrong impression. I personally hate to call it off now, but I think we had better. Tell him to come on back. I'll stop what is started up there right now. Tell him he can get on a little bit with his sweeping, but to hold his main forces where they are.

1213 We are at present questioning a friendly native who came from the outskirts of VOLTERRA about 2 hours ago. He says there are still quite a number of Germans in that city. He could give us no information as to positions of guns but said that there was a large number of enemy soldiers in the town 2 hours ago. Preparations have been made for demolitions; but as yet they are only mined ready to blow and not yet set off. He states that after yesterday's shelling most of the civilians population has left the town. He also rpts a large number in back of the town, along the river line Approx 460320.

I am going to shell that town some; also the river bank behind it.

Capt VanZant S-3 13AR

CO 13A^H C-3 1AD

1st AD CO 13AR

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1300	Patrol #1 out of contact cannot report type of traffic on highway 68. # 2 still E of MAZZOLA pinned down by artil'y fire. Patrol 1 located at 054324Z also pinned down by artil'y fire.	2/361 Inf	CO 13AR
1303	We have been questioning a friendly native who came by here a short time ago. He left his place at 1100 hrs this morning which is about 4 Km S of VOLTERRA. He is an overseer of some other laborers on a large farm. Last night at about midnight 12 Germans broke into his house and left about 0400 hrs this morning, headed for Volterra. He saw no enemy between his home and here. He talked to the men who worked for him who live on the outskirts of VOLTERRA, and who left there at 0700 hrs this AM. They reported that there was then still considerable numbers of enemy in town. He knows of his own knowledge that the rail bridges and certain buildings are prepared for demolition. He reports that the civilian population, following yesterday's shelling and bombing of the city, left town and have taken refuge in the hills on the other side of the mountain. He says that the area is crowded, according to the reports of the men who work with him, with civilians and troops; they report a large number of Germans in that area. He has not seen any enemy tanks within the last week. He only knows of probable gun positions from gun flashes and their positions are rather vague. I believe he is unquestionably telling the truth, but he does not know very much first hand.	EO 13AR	CO 13AR
1330	Request mission on stream bed area (approx 460320), and SE; report indicates large number of enemy troops along that line and possibly enemy artillery.	CO 13AR	G-3 LAD
1340	Requested mission will be flown at approx 1430B.	G-3 LAD	CO 13AR
1555	No material change in situation. Am awaiting patrol reports.	CO 13AR	G-3 LAD
1645	What is location of your forward elements.	C/C "A"	CO 13AR
1715	No change in location of main forces as reported this morning. Light elements have patrols working to the N. No late reports on their locations.	CO 13AR	O/C "A"
1700	Scout reports column of vehicles moving W on road 520313 to 510313. Seen at 1630 hrs. Estimated 25 vehicles stopped on road at that time.	1/6 Inf.	CO 13AR.
2055	Div OP will close present location and open at 0462171 at 1930B.	G-3 LAD	CO 13AR
2245	Situation as of 2300 hrs. Front line 369279 - 388272 - 398276 - 408268 - 425255 - 467204.	L/O C/O "B"	CO 13AR

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0635	Bn closed in at 0325B, no trucks.	2/361	CO 13AR
0640	Our patrols have returned; no information gathered. (Checked out of our radio Net 0403B)	2/361	CO 13AR
0905	CP at Q475146; closed in at 0800B.	701 TD	CO 13AR
1055	Hold everything; complete what I had you start doing when I was out there; further orders follow. Do nothing until you hear from me.		
1010	Request location of your right forward elements.	CO 2/13AR	CO F Co
1100	Location of right forward elements are Q502232	C/C A	CO 13AR
1110	Have your Sunray report here at once.	CO 13AR	C/C A
1134	Hold everything up until you hear from me. Do not go ahead with plans we had made. Hold everything you have with you.	CO 13AR	CO -1/6 Inf
1255	CP 300 yds N of 79. Fwd elements 700 yds S of 80.	CO 2/13AR	CO F Co.
1705	Move as originally planned; move everything you have to point 61 at once.	C/81 Ren	CO 13AR
1712	Rcn elements trying to move forward on foot from last reported location still receiving considerable artillery fire.	CO 13AR	G-3 LAD
1830	MOVEMENT INSTRUCTIONS:		
	1. 1st Bn 6th Inf moves at 042000B in four serials, five (5) minutes interval between serials, from present assembly area to vicinity of MENSANO.		
	2. a. Route of march: RJ Q-475157 - SAN DALLAZIO - RJ Q-530125 - MENSANO.		
	b. Send LO ahead to contact C/C "A" Q-612165, for instructions.		
	c. Traffic control; Div MP's.		
1930	In the future tanks status reports will be broken down by company.	CO 1st AD	CO 13AR
2005	Have the Sunray of 1/6 Inf report to this CP at once. Notify us of approximate time he will arrive here.	C/C A	CO 13AR
2210	CP at 467216. Road patrol in operation 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Pioneer platoons are taking position on high ground. All secure.		
2220	CP now at Q480187.	701 Ren Co	CO 13AR
2245	Location of CP now at Q490205.	2/13AR	CO 13AR
		Rcn Co	13AR CO 13AR

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0555	Patrols have moved out on mission. No enemy activity reported during the night.	C/81	13 AR
0650	Fwd ele 700 yds NW of ck. pt. 9	C/81	S-3 13 AR
0750	Fwd. ele. 1000 yds NW of ck. pt. 9.	C/81	S-3 13 AR
1003	CP now at 406240.	C/C B	S-3 13 AR
1025	Left ele. 2000 yds NW of point 9, going slow. Receiving some arty. fire from NE & NW	C/81	S-3 13 AR
1030	Right column moved to vic. 375293. No contact. Left column at 338278 held up by mortar SA & AT	C/81	S-3 13 AR
1055	This CP enroute now.	Ren/13	S-3 13 AR
1117	Op at 436223 2nd plt. Ren#13 fwd ele. 449239 Nothing to report.	Ren/13	S-3 13 AR
1125	Left ele. 2200 yds S 14, right working forward	C/81	S-3 13 AR
1125	CG wishes to know by 1500 hours whether or not the city of VOLTERRA is held by the enemy. Will you determine that fact.	CO 13	Ren/13
1225	Have your dismounted elements who are NW of check point 7 move up and attempt to reach the road between ck.pt. 15 and 3. My SunRay desires that they reach this road if possible by 1500 hours and determine if it is held by enemy. This also applies to your other elements.	CO 13 AR	Ren/13
1227	Our fwd. ele. 1800 yds short of ck.pt.14 other ele 1000 yds S of pt. 6 unable to move for direct fire from an estimated 88mm gun.	RECO	701. Ren. CO 13 AR
1245	In view of the message given to you by SunRay Minor-do you think you will be able to determine it by that time. To determine whether you will be in the town by 1500h.	CO 13	Ren/13
1247	Believe we will be able to determine it by that time-no arty. fire received yet.	CO Ren/13	CO 13 AR
1255	Nothing to report. 466254	2nd.plt. Ren/13	CO 13 AR
1350	Inform SunRay that 2nd. plt. is now performing PIGEON (continuing on foot) in present location/	CO Ren/13	S-3 13 AR
1355	We have lost communication wfourleft ele. We are still attempting to contact him. Ele. on right unable to move vehicles forward. Moving forward dismounted. Receiving some arty. fire.	C/81	S-3 13 AR
1455	Will you check on the gun position you just sent in. There seems to be a difference in the 1st and 2nd report. <u>ANS:</u> The first coordinate was 473298 the report I just gave was 478299.	CO Ren/13	CO Ren/13
1407	OP reports enemy arty. believed to be firing from vic. 469281.	CO Ren/13	CO 13 AR
1412	Forward elements report tank or S/P moved into vic 469281	CO Ren/13	CO 13 AR
1415	I will report progress in 15 minutes. I would rather not report to frequently for his own benefit.	CO Ren/13	CO 13 AR

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1500	Have contacted elements on our right left, they are now 1600 yds S of pt. 14 receiving mortar and S/P fire. Progress slow because of terrain.	C/81	CO 13 AR
1510	I have just spoken to SunRay Minor of 2nd plt. and he has lost contact with 2nd. plt. and will report progress as soon as he makes contact with 2nd. plt.	Ren/13	CO 13 AR
1520	We have contacted elements on left at 1500 yds S of pt. 14. We are bringing heavier fire on reported S/P at 467278. SE of town. There is an enemy vehicle on the road that appears to be a staff car (508263) going E. Our FC is with the element on the right.	C/81	CO 13 AR
1533	My party whom you are concerned about has communication failure. SunRay Minor is proceeding in the direction they were going and he will make report.	Ren/13	CO 13 AR
1540	Is he bringing mortar fire on the S/P in question? Ans: He is bringing fire on them and is trying to get heavier fire.	C/81	CO 13 AR
1545	My SunRay said to inform you that he cannot observe any fire coming into town. Said to try and get your people thru. Ans: FC cannot reach target (469278) with unit he is working with now.	CO 13 A	Ren/13
1530	Tell your people that area S of ck.pt. 14 that SunRay orders them to move up toward the way where they were ordered to go this morning. They will push on as rapidly as possible.	CO 13 AR	C/81
1615	My SunRay wants location of your ele. Ans: We have not had a recent report on the left element. Patrol sent forward has not returned. They are unable to use vehicles and are moving dismounted.	CO 13	Ren/13
1620	Ele on left 1200 yds S of 14 still moving forward Ele. on right nothing to report, attempting to move forward with vehicles soon.	C/81	CO 13 AR
1545	Request location of ele. Ans: Forward ele. (light) at 467250 and 492244. Progress slow.	CO 13 AR	C/C A
1543	2nd plt. Ren/13 is having difficulty contacting the people in front of him. Communication is very bad. SunRay and SunRay Minor are ahead and as soon as they got the info I will send it along. If they don't come back shortly I am going up myself for the info/	CO Ren/13	CO 13AR
1540	Forward ele. of TFC as follows. 1/6 at 563263. E Co. 1st AR at 563256	C/C A	1 AD
1712	Will you cease artly fire in the area our troops are working in. The fire is coming down on them.	2 plt. Ren/13	CO 13 AR
1715	Ele on left 600 yds SE of point 14/ Ele on right will have report soon. Do you have any info on friendly troops via 2500 yds W of 14.	C/81	CO 13 AR
1725	Received report from ele on left. They are 1000 yds short of obj.	C/81	S-3 13 AR

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1230	Stay where you are available on call from this Hq. from 1830 on	S-3 13 AR	C/16
1740	Fwd ele. of TFC at 563264, receiving SA fire and direct arty fire. Looking for route to N.	C/C A	1 AD
1748	Ele on right has reached pt6 at 1740 hours.	C/81	S-3 13 AR
1750	Ele on left encountering SA fire as near obj.	C/81	S-3 13 AR
1757	2 plt reports m/g fire coming from vic 469279 but can see no movement.	Rcn/13	S-3 13 AR
1800	Ele on left 700 yds short of obj. 700 yds SW of 20; still receiving SA fire.	C/81	S-3 13 AR
1803	RE: Forces 2500 yds W of 14 and 100 yds S of 14. We believe forces in that vic to be friendly. Do not fire on them, but keep them under observation.	S-3 13 AR	C/81
1907	Ele on left 580 yds short of 20. Still receiving small arms fire.	C/81	CO 13 AR
1930	Enemy threw 19 rounds arty barrage in vic of 20. SA still coming in.	Rcn/13	CO 13 AR
1940	Location off forward ele has not changed since last report. Unable to move due to enemy action.	Rcn/13	S-3 13 AR
1942	At 1845 our forces were receiving hvy. arty fire.	CO TFW	1 AD
2140	C/C B has reached enemy force; inf and hvy arty. Right column at 385292, direct A/T and arty. AT 390293 have 2 road blocks. Road to N and road to VOLTRRA. C/C A fwd ele at 1810 at 563263 getting direct A/T and arty fire this afternoon. Mines and demolitions along road. A/81 has plt on each flank; L at 1810 at 560240; R at 608247. From line 610268 to 715307 generally. 34 hvy resistance all along.	LO C/C B	S-3 13 AR
2150	Attack cancelled VOOG	1 AD	(phone) CO 13 AR

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0802	ele Fwd ele.: OP at 9	C/81	S-3 13 AR
0806	Also fwd ele: dismounted patrol working from 1000yds N of 16 to vic of 17 to contact with OP at 9 and return to 1000 yds N of 16/	C/81	S-3 13 AR
0930	No material change in situation. Request location of your forward eles.	CO TFW	C/C A & B
1015	The 349 inf is sending about a 10 man patrol generally along the same route that your patrol is taking that has just been ordered out. Advise your patrol of this.	S-3 13 AR	C/81
1212	Forward ele now 300yds SW of 14.	C/81	CO 13 AR

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1340	2 plt Ren/13 will remain in present position until friends move in and take over his position. He will inform them of dispositions and situation. Have 2 plt observe to the N and in other directions and see if he can pick up what is believed to be an enemy tank firing.	CO Ren/13	2 plt Ren 13
1341	Have contacted forward ele who are 600 yds W of 4 at 1315 hours. They did not report any enemy resistance.	C/81	S-3 13 AR
1345	Patrols of 91st Cav Sqdn at Q-548265. Receiving heavy artillery fire at 1240H.	C/C A	1 AD
1400	OP cannot observe where fire is coming from. Believe it to be artillery.	Ren/13	S-3 13 AR
1407	Friendly civilian reports strong enemy inf positions at 500257 also arty. in wadi at 503258;		
1435	Unit that is moving xxxx per instructions from your HQ; cleared at approx. 1425H	CO TFH	G-3 1 AD
1435	Fwd ele 700 yds W of 4. No enemy resistance at 1430.	C/81	S-3 13 AR
1515	1st plt. is to return to assembly area from OP; relieved by Ren Co 701st/	Co Ren/13	1st plt:13
1600	F.E. 600 yds N of 4. This ele was working due W but terrain compelled them to change. Are working W of 6 again towards obj.	C/81	CO 13 AR
1613	Push your people on their mission. CO to report to this OP.	S-3 13 AR	C/81
1715	Request location of your fwd. ele.	C/C A	CO 13 AR
1725	Fwd ele at 600yds N of 4. C/81 in contact with A/81. Request location of you fwd. ele.	CO 13 A"	O/C A
1740	The first people who went out have reached the place they were going, otherwise nothing to report.	701 Ren	CO 13 AR
1740	You will establish a road block at Q-498205. You will be reinforced by a plt of C/1 AR. You will also have a mounted patrol during the hours of darkness from Q-80201, 505184, 498205/	EO 13 AR	701 Ren.
1740	You will have a plt/ of light tanks report to CO 701st Ren Co by 1900H at Q-498205.	EO 13 AR	C/1 AR
1815	F.E. at G-7/ V-9 at 1745.	C/81	S-3 13 AR
1825	You will take charge and be responsible for the maint. of road block at Q-499212. In addition to the 57mm plt of 2/13 a plt. of light tanks from C/1 AR will be available to you to reinforce that position. You will also establish an outpost in the vic. of 500180/ During the hours of darkness you will maintain a mounted patrol on the road net- x -between Q-500180-Q-504195, Q-499212 and 476202. You will inform C/81 of your dispositions. There OP is at 499213.	EO 13 AR	CO 701 TD
1835	F.E. at 554277 (1805)	O/C A	13 AR

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1900	F.E. at G-6; W-8 at 1845.	C/81	S-3 13 AR
2110	Mission sent by messenger has been taken care of as per your orders.	CO Ron 701	S-3 13 AR
2245	Patrol reached 700 yds SW of obj. drew s/a fire vic 485265. Returned to give this information on way back around MAZZOLA. Drew burp gun fire vic town, established commo. and are now at I-1 V-6. Believed enemy followed them when they received fire from town.	Ron/701	CO 13 AR
2005	Attack by inf to gain high ground vic 565280 still unsuccessful due to accurate large cal artly directed by excellent observation. plan to attack after dark for this ground and then place mines for road block and cover by direct fire. Positions of tanks and inf to remain same during the day.	C/C A (intercept)	1 AD
2045	F.E. G-6 W-8 They have meet no resistance, but have no contact of their Patrollisader. I will not be able to make a report as to where he is or what he has done until he gets to a radio.	C/81	S-3 13 AR
2050	F.E. at G-5 Q-4 Nothing to report.	C/81	S-3 13 AR

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7 JULY 1944.

0630	Forward elements at P8V6 can observe enemy Inf in house approx 10 of them at 500246. Request artil'y fire, can observe and adjust	C/81 Ron	CO 13AR
0817	OP on left G4K7 nothing to report. No enemy movement seen Right elements no movement seen. Keeping enemy Inf target under close observation.	C/81 Ron	CO 13AR
0800	We are being counter-attacked at 562281, by several tanks and Inf in considerable strength, situation well in hand	C/G A	CO 13AR
0845	My people just contacted friendly civilian from big city. They say there are several A/T guns in vicinity jail house. Also several S/P's vicinity of park, also some tanks in the park. FO can observe.	Ron 701	CO 13AR
1000	Situation previously requested hourly are henceforth due at 0900 1000 1100 1200 1300 1400 hrs	CG LAD	CG 13AR
1110	Call off plans for indirect firing, you are to report to my GP at once.	CG 13AR	CO 2/13AR
1120	Left element at G4K7 no change. Right element at P8V6 adjusting fire on target enemy Inf in house, otherwise no change.	C/81 Ron	CO 13AR
1125	C Co 349 Inf reports a TD round fell in vicinity 464218, please check on this.	G-3 LAD	CO 13AR
1130	Location of target Inf in house 510266	C/81 Ron	CO 13AR
1215	Enemy OP sighted at 513271, 6 dismounted men seen here. One man carrying what looked like a BG scope.	C/81 Ron	CO 13AR
1412	F.E. at K6W4 at 1330. Have not contacted them since.	C/81 Ron	CO 13AR
1600	Negative report by Leather 3.	349 Inf	CO 13AR
1610	Conc 166 effective, enemy evacuating MAZZOLA.	C/81 Ron	CO 13AR
1615	All movement has ceased; wait for next mission on Inf leaving town.	C/81 Ron	CO 13AR
1620	We fired converged sheaf on enemy strong point in house at 510246. We flushed 12 enemy Inf from the house; they went NW. Fired open sheaf on enemy I think heavy losses was suffered by them, trying to work into strong point and will report later.	C/81 Ron	CO 13AR
1815	B Co 70A TD is being attached to TFI.	LO LAD	CO 13AR
1820	French to enter our sector via Q6030 and move to West to flank and take hill 624 via Q572349 starting daylight 8 July. Notify all commands they will not move W of 56 grid.	CG LAD	CO 13AR
1910.	2 dismounted infantry seen to disappear at 514257, in wadi. At 510258 someone is smoking that area with mortar or artil'y fire. We cannot determine from where it is coming.	C/81 Ron	CO 13AR
1950	701 T.D. (B Co) notify Col Simmerman that guide will bring B to his vicinity, contact him and place the TD's where he desired. Should arrive at approx 2030H.	1st AD	CO 13AR
1952	You will withdraw and assemble all your XXXXXX elements Report here for instructions.	B-3 13AR	Ron 701 TD
1955	D Co 13AR attach to 349 Inf Regt. To be released at dark		

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7 JULY CONT'D:			
1955	night 8/9 July. B/701 attached to D Co. Platoon A/701 is released from your command and reverts to control of parent organization.	S-3 13AR	CO 2/13AR
1957	Assemble all your elements with exception of OP in vic Co CP. OP will be withdrawn when 349 Inf passes thru. D Co will reach RJ 473202 at 2430B and clear RJ 418240 at 080145B. You will furnish guides at both junctions to assist in traffic control.	S-3 13AR	C/81 Ren
1958		S-3 13AR	CO 2/13AR
1950	Ren Co 701 TD closed in and checked out of net.	701 Ren	CO 13AR
2120	When patrol left Q510235 the Italians came back to the house and put up a white sheet. The Germans were laying mortar fire on house when they last observed it at 1930B	C/81 Ren	S-3 13AR
2305	Upon receipt of orders for movement to new areas unit again reverts to unit control.	CO 13AR	CO 13AR

8 JULY 1944:

0600	C Co 81st Ren closed in new location at Q475193 at 0540B	C/81 Ren	S-3 13AR
0845	TFH is relieved of responsibility in this sector as of 0430B this date.	G-3 LAD	CO 13AR
0955	C/81 Ren will send an officer to their BN CP vic 597235 to make area arrangements for Co's return. They will move down road by way of S/DALMOZIO. They are released from us upon clearing our area.	G-3 LAD	S-3 13AR
	C/16 Eng will move to B Co 16th Eng area, vic 443195. Major Dolmen will contact C Co. They will move on order of this HQ and will be relieved from us on clearing area.		
1100	C/81 Ren cleared our area at 1145B; C/16 at 1055B.	Oral.	S-3 13AR

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8 July 1150	"D" Co. is trying to work across from W-3, Q-1 to I-5 "Q-2. He tried sev places on the other side and was stopped by terrain.	CO 2/13 S-3 13
1158	Inf got hill at 495265 w/o opposition. We have tks with them. Their original scheme was to take NUT-HOUSE HILL (470284). In the middle of the night their Div ordered them not to take it. Our main force was going up the hill N; they wanted our tks to work over further night. They (tks) are making very slow progress. They are now trying to go due E and hit MAZZOLLA Rd, then hit other rd, then NW. They are now at 473251. Now they are working E. Inf rpts themselves at: just short of SEMINOLE HILL (481277). They have been there about 1 1/2 to 2 hrs. They are also just short of MT VALTRAJO (493283). Our tks on the right at 495265 on hill, are receiving very lvy cal arty and lots of it. One of our tks has had a track lost off of it.	CO 13 G-3 1 AD
1315	Enemy counter-attack with tks, inf and arty progress from 585320 2/13 to 587316. Notify friends on right. (1312)	G-3 13; CC/A; S-2; 1st AD
1320	1 AD says that counter-attack has been broken up by French arty; G-2 arty has been lifted; French are now crossing that point.	S-3
1347	An with Hq 81st Ren; request permission to close station.	COB 1 G-3 13
1440	Element of A Co 81 Ren made contact w/88 Div at Q-494285 other elements no change.	CC/A 1 AD
2020	People who were going to help us reduce the obstacle in front of us have not arrived. Trees that are blocking us are of such size that the people will need a saw to cut them up before they can be mov ed. (Obstacle at G-3, M-2.)	CO 13
2040	You are to continue on your mission (the one that was to occur at sundown), atchd to the same people (349 Inf) unless the vehicles of the other unit actually get up with you.	CO 13 D/13
2055	We are now at I-2, Q-7. Everyth ing seems to be going along pretty well. It will probably be later than we expected. I have seen SUNRAY of these other people, and talked to him about 1 1/2 hrs ago. I am going up now to see CO D Co and give him the exact situation. I will notify you when we have finished.	CO 2/13 CO 18
2057	I have gotten info from higher HQ that those people like you will not be available tonight, according to other higher HQ. Do you know positively that they will be there?	CO 13 CO 2/12

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
8 July (cont'd)	I talked to the SURRAY of that unit about 1800 hrs, and he went back to get his equipment.	CO 2/13	CO 13
	If he arrives with equipment, everything will go as originally planned. If he does not, D Co remains on its present mission.	CO 13	CO 2/13
<u>9 July 1944</u>			
0710	XXXX We are approximately in the same location as we were last night. Some of our stuff has drawn back slightly. We are awaiting further orders before we proceed. The obstacle that was holding us up has been cleared away.	CO 2/13	S-3 13
0837	Give me location and situation of friends on right.	CO 13	S-3 13
0840	Situation remains the same as yesterday.	S-3 13	CO 13
1118	There will be a meeting of GHO officers of the reg. at 1700 hrs this date at Q-470160.	1 AD	CO 13
1150	Billeting officer to rpt to Capt Earle at Q-239106 at 1400B. Move C Co 1st AR along with units from this force.	G-3 1 AD	CO 13
1310	The people we have been expecting are now with D Co.	2/13	CO 13
1610	434 AAA Bn and Div Artillery less 27 FA Bn and 91 FA Bn detached 1st AD effective 091600Z and reverts to control of 4th Corps.	1 AD	CO 13
1903	D Co closed in at 1900 hrs.	2/13	CO 13
1904	D Co 13 AR closed in at 1900B.	S-3	G-3
<u>12 July 1944</u>			
0635	Moved out at 0 mi. (Arrived this location at 167.4 mi.)		
0855	Arrived new area at 27.9 mi.		
0905	3 Bn-13 AR closed in area at 249087 at 0900 hrs 12 July 44.	3/13	S-3 13
0940	CP closed at Q-249093 at 0900B.	S-3	CG 1 AD
1000	Closed in new bivouac at 0945B.	Ren/13	CO 13
1020	Arrived bivouac Q-248082 at 0930. Reverted to unit control.	C/1 AD	CO 13
1150	2nd Bn closed in at 1140B - Q-248028.	CO 2/13	CO 13
1152	Any unit which has not rptd to this Hqtrs time of closure and location of CP will do so at the earliest possible opportunity.	CO 13	AD's 13



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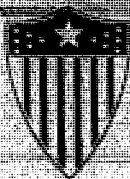
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12 July 1944 (Cont'd)			
1245	This 3n completed closing in biv at 0830 hrs. Location of this CP Q-249092.	1/13	S-3 13
1250	Maint. Co closed in biv at 0900 hrs. CP located at Q-247089. Mt Co 13 Sv Co closed in biv at 2105 hrs; pres location 257097.		S-3 13
<u>13 July 1944</u>			
0815	Effective this date, periodic rpts will be from 1700-1700B, due Div Hq at 1900a. *a status rpt will be shown by SNA.	CG 1 AD	CG 13
1300	Effective this date, S-3 Periodic Rpts will be from 1600-1600 due this Hq prior to 1730 B.	CG 13	ADs 13

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
A.P.O. 251, U.S. Army

10 September 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Activities

TO : C. G. 1st U. S. Armored Division

1. Report called for in paragraph 4, Headquarters 1st A.D., A.G. 314.7. subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, dated 8 November 1943, and Section II, Bulletin #4, dated 30 November 1943, and section I, Bulletin #6, dated 11 January 1944, is herewith submitted.

~~For the Battalion Commander,~~

George W. Williams
GEORGE W. WILLIAMS,
Major, 13th Tank Bn.,
Executive Officer.

Incls:

- Incl 1 - Report of Activities
- Incl 2 - Copy of 13th Tank Bn Journal
- Incl 3 - Copy of #1 Decorations and Awards
- Incl 4 - Copy of #2 Decorations and Awards
- Incl 5 - Copy of Battle Casualties
- Incl 6 - Copy of March Order #1, 13th Tank Bn
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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION,
Office of the Battalion Commander,
A.P.O. 251, U.S.Army.

In the Field,
7 September 1944.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES .

1 August-31 August 44.

On 1 August 1944 this Battalion was located at Q-250088 near BOLGHERI, ITALY. The period 1 August - 8 August was spent in completion of re-organization, maintenance and overhaul of equipment, and training with emphasis on gunnery. At 0615 hours 9 August the battalion closed in a new area at Q-285478, PIGO FONTANO, following the route BOLGHERI-BIBBONA-HIGHWAYS 163-68-6821-6821A. After spending two days in this area, the battalion moved east on 11 August to Q-392488 near LOCCIANO, ITALY, to facilitate movement to and from the near-by training area. The period 11-24 August was spent in maintenance and training. Gunnery and company and platoon maneuver problems were stressed. The mortar platoon from Headquarters Company was attached to CC"A" on 20 August and moved to firing positions South of the ARNO RIVER at Q-568598. The assault gun platoon from Headquarters Company was attached to the 27th Field Artillery Battalion on 22 August and passed from our control for the remainder of the period.

The battalion again moved on the night of 23-24 August. The battalion less "B" and "D" Companies moved into an area 2.4 miles East of FORGOLI at Q-362487 where again the time was spent in training. The mortar platoon was detached from CC"A" on 25 August and returned to the battalion area. "D" Company moved to the vicinity of Q-393559 where one platoon was attached to the 11th Infantry Battalion and one platoon was attached to the 14th Infantry Battalion. On 25 August "B" Company moved into the same area and on 26 August placed one platoon in an indirect firing position under control of the 27th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoons were rotated in this indirect firing position and the company fired a total of 3250 rounds within a period of five days. The company suffered two casualties as a result of "blow-backs" caused by faulty ammunition. On 28 August the mortar platoon was again detached and worked in conjunction with the 14th Infantry Battalion under control of CC"B". The battalion on 31 August was attached to CC"B". On that night "C" Company was alerted and moved to an assembly area in the vicinity of Q-416585 where the company was attached to the 11th Infantry Battalion in preparation for the crossing of the ARNO RIVER.

For the Battalion Commander,

George W. Williams
GEORGE W. WILLIAMS,
Major, 15th Tk. Bn.
Executive Officer.

HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION

Office of the Battalion Commander

APO 251, U. S. Army.

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9 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Decorations and Awards.**TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.**

Listed below are the Decorations and Awards of members of this organization for the period from 20 July 1944 through 31 July 1944:

SILVER STARS

Tec 5 Dewey King	38193945	OO #73, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "B"
Tec 4 Charles W. Rush	37101651	OO #70, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "C"

BRONZE STARS

Tec 5 James R. Harris	33133549	OO #76, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "B"
Tec 5 Roger A. Thorpe	39164061	OO #76, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "D"
Corp. Sterling L. Thompson	13073765	OO #76, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "D"
S/Sgt Harold E. Sharp	15013038	OO #72, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "C"
S/Sgt Milton E. Thompson	39163923	OO #70, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "C"
Tec 5 Victor L. Nelson	39397627	OO #70, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "C"
Tec 5 James V. Morgan	37101866	OO #70, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "C"
Pfc. Vincent F. Odone	37352244	OO #70, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "C"
S/Sgt Herman G. Weinreich	39082255	OO #69, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "C"
Sgt. Raymond J. Krueger	36003652	OO #69, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "A"
Pfc. Henry J. Matschner	13059393	OO #69, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "B"

PURPLE HEART

Sgt. Charles J. Bennett	39076366	OO #76, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "D"
S/Sgt Howard G. Bolzman	36103638	OO #69, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "B"
Tec 5 Victor L. Nelson	39397627	OO #73, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "C"

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART

1st OLC-Tec 5 Bryan Monros	37101887	OO #73, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "C"
2nd OLC-Capt. John C. Gleason	0405758	OO #71, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "A"

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Sgt. Luther G. Jett	15054142	OO #76, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "A"
Tec 5 Leo L. Feet	16010253	OO #76, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "B"
Pfc. Bernard E. Abbott	36168422	OO #76, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "A"
Sgt. Frank W. Hagedorn	37129829	OO #76, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "A"
Sgt. Ralph Robbins	34146020	OO #76, Hqs 1st AD cs., Co "A"

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Corp. Lloyd V. French	15012952	OO #76, Hqs 1st AB co., Co "A"
Corp. Richard A. Killian Jr.	94081051	OO #76, Hqs 1st AB co., Co "A"
Corp. Victor G. Longo	32167524	OO #76, Hqs 1st AB co., Co "A"
Pvt. Leonard K. Luseher	37467920	OO #76, Hqs 1st AB co., Co "A"
S/Sgt James E. Heady	37003220	OO #73, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det
Tec 5 Willie Wilson	38027031	OO #73, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det
2nd Lt. Victor T. Magee	01016041	OO #72, Hqs 1st AB co., Co "B"
Tec 5 Anton M. Stanko	35280288	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Co "B"
Sgt. Joseph J. North	33021119	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Hqs Co.
Capt. Joseph H. Lieberstein	0495905	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det
S/Sgt James E. Heady	37003220	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det
Tec 5 Orville Whitefield	36060834	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det
Pfc. Edward L. Studak	32376288	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det
Corp. William G. McCreary	32059804	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det
Tec 5 William J. Spence	32057804	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det
Pvt. Harvey K. Adams	7004409	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det
Tec 5 Willie L. Wilson	38027031	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det
Pfc. Rod Colon	32501345	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det
Pvt. Jerry Brobia	32106965	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det
Pfc. Richard J. Dene	32101070	OO #71, Hqs 1st AB co., Med Det

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert S. Loe
 ROBERT S. LOE,
 1st Lt., 13th Tk Bn.,
 Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION,
Office of the Battalion Commander,

APC:251,
U.S. Army,
7 September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Decorations and Awards.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

Listed below are the awards and decorations received by members of
this organization for the period 1 August 1944 through 31 August 1944:

BRONZE STARS

Captain	Walter L. Catron	O-363990	GO#77, Hqs. 1st AD, o.s.
S/Sgt	Samuel A. Glover	35200030	GO#77, Hqs. 1st AD, o.s.

PURPLE HEARTS

Sgt.	Joseph B. Liebiedz	32182883	GO#79, Hqs. 1st AD, o.s.
Tec 5	Olive R. Milan	35212682	GO#77, Hqs. 1st AD, o.s.
Sgt.	Walter A. Dickerhof	32070302	GO#77, Hqs. 1st AD, o.s.

For the Battalion Commander,

ALBERT HOFFMAN,
W.O. (JG), 13th Tank Bn.,
Personnel Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander,
A.P.O. 251, U.S. Army.

In the Field,
7 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Battle Casualties sustained for the month of August 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

The following are the battle casualties sustained by this organization for the period 1 August 1944 through 31 August 1944:

Sgt. William H Wheelless, 37101792, KIA 12 August 44, Company "A"

Sgt. Joseph E. Liebiedz, 32182883, LWA 12 August 44, Company "A"

~~Pvt. Walter S. Massey, 36895678, LWA 27 August 44, Company "B"~~

~~Pvt. Lawrence W. Fowler, 37514151, WIA 29 August 44, Company "B"~~

For the Battalion Commander,

ALBERT HOFFMAN,
W.O.(JG), 13th Tank Bn.,
Personnel Officer.

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JOURNAL
15th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 31 July 1944

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1420	There will be a meeting tomorrow at 1800 hrs at the 4th Tank Bn. Hq. Col. Gardiner is to bring requests for extra men, vehicles and equipment. This will be at the minimum, to function in forthcoming operations.	Major Weiderman	S-3, 15th Tank Bn.
1445	How many donkey sights do you have?	G-3, 1 AD	S-3, 15th Tank Bn.
1545	18 donkey sights in the Battalion. Breakdown : "A" Co. - 4, "B" Co. - 7, "C" Co. - 8.	S-3, 15th Tank Bn.	S-3, 1 AD
1 August 1944			
1020	"B" and "D" Co. Tankers are going to stay out on rifle range. Send chow to them.	S-3, 15th Tank Bn.	"B" & "D" Co's, 15th Tank Bn.
1630	Flares are used by the Air Corps in this Theatre as a means of air-ground communication, particularly in the identification of aircraft at night. Company commanders are responsible that no, repeat no, flares of any type are projected in their area without authority this Hq.	S-3, 15th Tank Bn.	All Co's.
2 August 1944			
0945	Ref. Msg. regarding use of flares, dated 1 Aug 1944, 81 Hqn. Sqdn. will use three (3) Red Flares in training exercise via. Q-260103 between 022300B-023300B Aug 44.	S-3, 15th Tank Bn.	All Co's.
1200	Units using range "B" will go to the range prepared to stay on same until firing is completed. Range "A" is dangerous to operate when vehicles are going in and out of range "B". No trips in or out of range "B" area will be made except in cases of emergency once firing has commenced.	G-3, 1 AD	S-3, B h Tank Bn.
1400	Same as above to	S-3, 15th Tank Bn.	"A", "B", "C", "D"
3 August 1944			
0900	Request following ranges for week Aug 6-12: "D" Range all day Aug 10 "D" Range morning of Aug 8-9.	Col. Gardiner	G-3, 1 AD
5 August 1944			
1600	On movement to new area, each individual will carry a minimum of one (1) uniform, wool O.D. Div. Storage Warehouse located at Station DI Resignane (Q-124277).	G-4, 1 AD	S-3, 15th Tank Bn.

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JOURNAL
15th Tank Battalion

DATE: 5 Aug 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2030	Same as above	S-3	All Cos
7 Aug 1944			
1555	Rtr. 1B (2), (5) Movement Order No.1 is changed to read route BOLSHERI - BIERONA - HWYS 165-68-6821-6822A.	Maj. Wood S - 3	S-3, 15th Tk. Bn.
1915	Same as above to all companies	S-3, 15th Tk. Bn.	All Cos.

8 Aug 1944

1300	All vehicles which are normally sandbagged in combat operations will be so equipped before leaving this area, II QUERBOINE.	S-3, 15th/ Tk Bn	All Cos S-1, S-4
1730	This CP closing this location (Q-250088) 082230B opens vicinity Q-289472, 090210B.	S-3, 15th Tk. Bn.	G-3, 1st Armd Div

9 Aug 1944

0645	15th Tk Bn closed in Rivouds area (Q-285473) at 0615, PIGO FORTANA. Distance travelled-37.3 mi.	S-3, 15th Tk Bn	G-3, 1st Armd Div
0900	1. Effective immediately, wind shields will be down and covered. 2. Individual arms will be carried and steel helmets worn.	S-3, 15th Tk Bn	All cos S-1, S-4

10 Aug 1944

1200	Effective immediately, periodic reports will have the tank status broken down by company and by type, namely M-4s, M-4A5s w/76mm, M4A5s 106mm, M-5s and M-4 tank dozers.	G-3, 1st Armd Div	15th Tk. Bn.
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11 Aug 1944

1215	Closed CP 1000 hrs, new CP 192438 opened at 1215.at Q	S-3, 15th Tk Bn	G-3, 1st Armd Div
1830	A.P. and A.T. mines are known to be located in some parts of the Div. area, particularly near by-passes. The road from RJ 134410 to RJ 220390 is mined.	G-3, 1st Armd. Div	S-3, 15th Tk Bn.
1945	Same as above to all companies	S-3, 15th Tk Bn	All Cos.

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JOURNAL
13th Tank Battalion

DATE: 12 Aug 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0800	A firing demonstration of Rocket equipped tank will be held at 121430Z August, there will be guides at CP 752 Tk Bn, Q-527519 until 1400Z. Maximum attendance 3 Officers per Tk and TD Bn., 1 per C/O, attendance optional. Characteristics and employment of this weapon are "TOP SECRET".	G-3, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 13th Tk Bn
0900	There will be a meeting of all unit S-3s in the lecture room of Div Bn at 1400 hrs today, 12 Aug 44	G-3, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 13th Tk Bn
1515	Officer sales stores now located at IV Corps Special Support, IV Corps Bn, Q-24714	G-3, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 13th Tk Bn
1510	Use of training area as shown in Training Memo #47 1st Arm Div is discontinued until further orders. Units are again warned about mines.	G-3, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 13th Tk Bn
1400	Same as above	S-3, 13th Tk Bn	All Cos, COBnec
2000	Effective 121700Z August, periodic report will be submitted to cover the period 2200 to 2300 due to this Bn by 0200. Report for 12/15 Aug will cover period 1700 hrs 12 Aug to 2200 hrs 15 Aug.	G-3, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 13th Tk Bn
14 Aug 1944			
0950	Div Graves Registration Point; Q-513504 now open	G-3, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 13th Tk Bn
1245	There will be no firing of A/P Ammunition except 87mm on any range until further notice.	G-3, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 13th Tk Bn
15 Aug 1944			
1545	Periodic reports will list by A, B, C, K status for following additional vehicles: M-7, 100mm Hw.; M-8, 75mm Hw.; M-10, 3 in TD; Armored Car M-8 and M-20.	G-3, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 13th Tk Bn
20 Aug 1944			
0830	Thirteen (13) A.P. mines laid in via Q-237552	G-3, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 13th Tk Bn
0830	No unit will contact 16th Engr Bn directly. All requests for Engrs will be made thru AG/S, G-3.	G-3, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 13th Tk Bn

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15th TANK BATTALION.

DATE: 25 August 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2155	Closed CP vic. LORENZANA, Q-193488 at 1830 hrs. Opened new CP vic. LA BADIA, Q-362487 at 2120 hrs. Dist. travelled-- 22.2 miles.	S-3,15th Tk Bn	G-3,1st Arm'd Div.
24 August 1944.			
0915	All elements of 15th Tk Bn closed in bivouac vic. Q-362487 at 0900.	S-3,15th Tk Bn.	G-3,1st Arm'd Div.
0930	Water points in new area located at 325492 and 335516, both II Corps WPs. Also Div Showers located at 331504	Lt Gilmore S-4,15th Tk Bn	S-3,15th Tk Bn
25 August 1944.			
2000	Training Schedule for 25 Aug. Saturday, remains unchanged.	S-3,15th Tk Bn	All Cos
2005	Col Dewey called and said that due to some changes that may be made, the General does not want any ground run made as yet. They will let us know when to make run.	Major Williams	Col Gardiner w/BAD Cos
25 August 1944.			
1055	Col Dewey called and said to hold back all road run on plan ARNG. There may be some changes coming up.	Col Dewey O/C B (Phone)	Major Williams
27 August 1944.			
2145	O/C B requests for Mortar Platoon, Hq. Co. has been authorized. They may deal directly with us.	Captain Russell	Col. Gardiner
28 August 1944.			
1710	This Hq has received information about a possible increase in nightly Stuka airraids on this front. Blackout discipline must be again emphasized and complied with.	G-3, 1st Arm'd Div Phone	S-3,15th Tk Bn
1715	Same as above.	S-3,15th Ttk, Bn	All Cos
31 August 1944.			
1930	There will be a unit commanders meeting at once.	O/C B	S-3,15th Tk Bn
2230	Co. Commanders and Staff report to Bn CP to discuss new plan.	S-3,15th Tk Bn	All Cos & Staff.
2545	Bn Plat run assembly area for C Co vic 416585	S-3,15th Tk Bn.	Lt Duhme
2545	"C" Co. move to assembly area vic 416585. CO report to CO 11th Inf.	S-3,15th Tk Bn.	"C" Co., 15th Tk Bn

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
A.P.O. 261, U.S. Army

In the Field,
7 August 1944.

MARCH ORDER)

NUMBER 1)

1. The 13th Tank Battalion will move from present area via. BOLGHERI to assembly area via. Q-288472 night 8-9 August 1944.

a. (1) IP (Div) Q-248108

(2) IP (Bn.) ENTRANCE TO BATTALION AREA.

b. Route BOLGHERI-BIBBONA- Hwy. 163-68-6821-6824-165D-assembly area.

c. Convoy Number: IV-N-507

2. a. March Table: Attached.

b. Black-out lights will be used north of B. Q-350400.

c. Rate of March: LEAD VEHICLE of each unit will not exceed 15 MPH.

d. Blue flag on lead vehicle and Green flag on last vehicle of each

serial.

e. Radio silence will be observed during move.

f. Uniform; Coveralls and steel helmets.

g. Tops will be down on all H/Ts and 1/4 tons. Windshields will be covered, where possible the top will be folded back off the drivers compartment of H/Ts and the car commander will stand.

h. Milling parties will report to Lt Duhme at Bn. C.P. for transportation on baggage trucks at 1500 hours, 8 August 1944.

i. Organizations will line up in respective areas ready to leave at 1830 hours, (Kitchen Trucks excepted). Areas will be ready for inspection at this time.

j. Two fuel trucks will march with each line company and one will march with Hq. Co.

k. The Battalion Surgeon will have a section with each serial.

l. Organizations will report time of closing into assembly area and location of C.Ps.

m. Division Water Points located at Q-279465- Q-280482.

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MARCH TABLE

7 Aug. 1944.
 (Incl. No.1)

Unit	Ser.	March	Arrive	Arrive IP	Arrive RJ	Arrive RJ	Arrive RJ	Arrive
Unit	No.	D.	I.P.	Q-248108	Q-288225	Q-349299	Q-321491	Destination
HQ.CO	1	1	2235	2250	2350	0108	0150	0208
"D"CO	1	2	2300	2315	0015	0133	0215	0233
"A"CO	1	3	2325	2340	0040	0158	0240	0258
<u>Capt. Merrill is Designated Serial Commander</u>								
"B"CO	2	4	0100	0115	0215	0333	0415	0433
"C"CO	2	5	0125	0140	0240	0358	0440	0458
SER CO	2	6	0150	0205	0305	0423	0505	0523

Capt. Farham is Designated Serial Commander.

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Route of March

13TH Tk. Bn.

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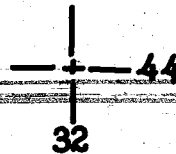
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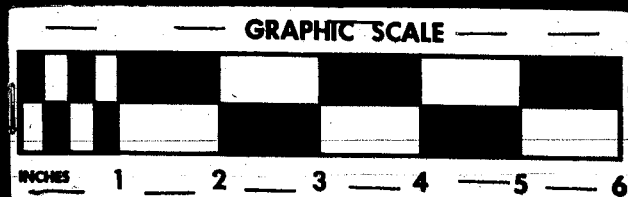


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In the Field,
 25 August 1944.

MARCH ORDER)

NUMBER 2)

1. The 13th Tank Battalion will move from present area vicinity LORENZANA to assembly area vicinity MONTE FOSGLI on 23-24 August 1944.

- a. (1). I.P.(Div) RJ Q-205438
- (2). I.P.(Bn.) RJ Q-193436
- (3). Check points:
 - (a). BAGNI
 - (b). RJ-276484 Junction of Hwys 6620A and 165D.
 - (c). RJ-343498 Junction of Hwys 165D and 6832.
- b. Route * see attached overlay.
- c. Convoy Number - TR-2-682.

2. a. March Table.

- (1). Hq and Hq Company will move by infiltration commencing 1900 hours 23 August 1944.
- (2). Service Company will move by infiltration commencing 0700 hours 23 August 1944.

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Unit	Time head of column passes					
	Bn. I.P./	Div I.P./	BAGNI/	RJ-276484/	RJ-343498/	Close
"B"Co	0550	0600	0625	0650	0710	0720
"D"Co	0610	0620	0645	0710	0730	0740
"A"Co	0630	0640	0705	0730	0750	0800
"C"Co	0650	0700	0725	0750	0810	0820

- b. Rate of March; Lead vehicle of each column will not exceed 15 MPH.
- c. A Blue Flag and a green flag will be carried on the lead and last vehicle respectively of each column.
- d. Radio silence will be observed.
- e. Uniform; Coveralls and steel helmets.
- f. Mustering parties will report to Lt Duham on call 23 August 1944.
- g. Each company will leave one man in the Company Area as a guard until area is inspected by I.G. at approximately 0800 hours 24 August 1944.
- h. The Battalion Surgeon will attach a section to Hq and Hq Company and a section to "C" Company.
- i. The fuel truck will march with each line company.

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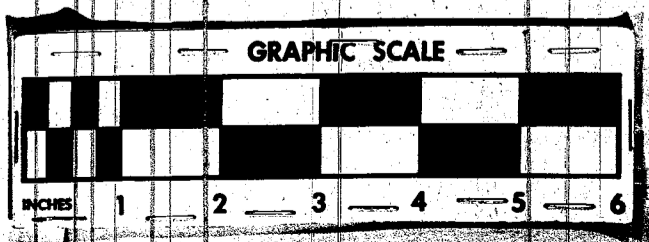
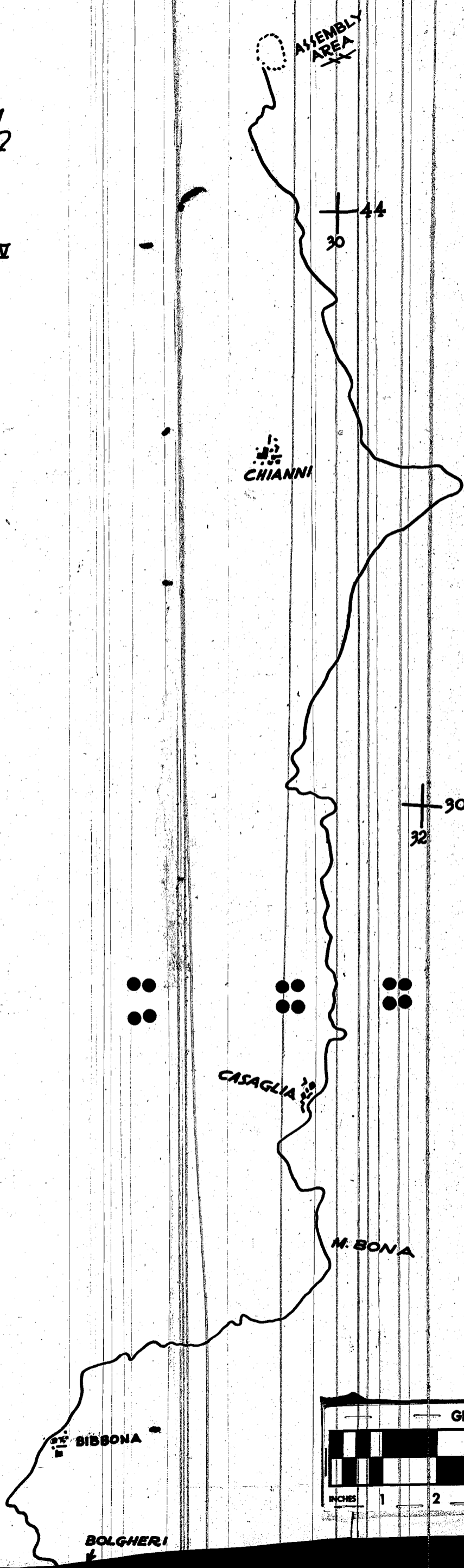
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Route of March

13TH Tk. Bn.

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
A.F.O. 251, U.S. Army.

In the Field,
9 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Activities

TO : C. G. 1st U. S. Armored Division

1. Report called for in paragraph 4, Headquarters 1st A.D., A.O. 314, F, subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, dated 6 November 1943 and Section II, Bulletin #4, dated 20 November 1943 and Section I, Bulletin #6, dated 11 January 1944, is herewith submitted.

For the Battalion Commander,

JOHN C. ELLIOTT
Major, 13th Tank Battalion
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- Incl 1 - Report of Activities.
- Incl 2 - Copy of 13th Tank Battalion Journal.
- Incl 3 - Copy of Decorations and Awards.
- Incl 4 - Copy of Battle Casualties.
- Incl 5 - Copy of March Order # 3, 13th Tank Battalion.

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTIETH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander,
A.P.O. 261, U.S. Army.

In the Field,
8 October 1944.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

1 September-30 September 1944.

On 1 September, the Battalion, less "B", "C", and "D" Companies and less the Mortar and Assault Gun Platoons, was located at Q-582487 near FOSCOI. "C" Company and one platoon of "D" Company were attached to the 11th Infantry Battalion, "E" Company and one platoon of "D" Company were attached to the 14th Infantry Battalion, the Mortar Platoon was attached to the 14th Infantry Battalion and the Assault Gun Platoon to the 27th Field Artillery Battalion.

At 0500 hours 1 September 1944, the Battalion, consisting of one medium tank company ("A" Company) and Battalion Headquarters, received word to move across the ARNO RIVER on Combat Command "B" orders. At 1015 hours the Battalion closed in area at Q-591561. The Battalion moved again that evening and closed in new area vicinity Q-591592 at 2006 hours. At 2015 hours the Mortar Platoon reverted to Battalion control and rejoined Battalion Headquarters. "C" Company of the 370th Infantry Regiment, colored troops of the 92nd Infantry Division, was attached to the Battalion at 1930 hours. The next morning, 2 September, this company was relieved from the Battalion at 0400 hours. Later in the morning at 0800 hours the Battalion moved again and at 0900 hours closed in bivouac at Q-581637. "C" Company of the 14th Infantry Battalion was attached to the Battalion at 1225 hours and relieved again at 2500 hours. The Battalion, less detachments, leap-frogged again and closed in the new area at Q-580698 at 1920 hours. At 0210 hours 4 September one German plane strafed and bombed the vicinity of the Battalion area but caused no casualties nor damage. Message from Major Wilder to Lt. Col. Gardiner at 1035 hours gave information that the 18th Tank Battalion less detachments was to support attack of Combat Command "B" on ALTOPASGIO and at 1055 hours one platoon of "A" Company 18th Tank Battalion was ordered attached to the 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion and moved towards ORTONA. A report that Colonel Dewey was wounded and that Lt. Col. Gardiner would take over command of Combat Command "B" was received at 1645 hours. Combat Command "B" then attacked and secured the town of ALTOPASGIO, a key point on the main lateral highway between PISA and FLORENCE. After the town had been taken and patrols sent beyond, General Daniel assumed command of the combat command at 2100 hours.

On 7 September at 0500 hours, "B", "C", and "D" Companies reverted to Battalion control, but at 1930 hours on 6 September, two platoons of "A" Company were attached to the 9th Infantry Battalion. At 0600 hours 7 September, one light tank platoon from "D" Company was attached to the 6th Infantry Battalion for a re-inforced patrol. The Battalion C.P. closed in area Q-354-711 at 1830 hours. "A" and "C" Companies had closed in the general vicinity at 1430 hours and 1524 hours respectively, and for the first time since 24 August the Battalion was being assembled in one spot under one command again. Throughout the entire crossing of the ARNO RIVER, the 18th Tank Battalion, consisting

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of one tank company and Battalion Headquarters, with various attached infantry elements (which were attached for only a few hours at a time) had been in reserve.

At 1915 hours on 8 September 1944, "B" Company 15th Tank Battalion closed in bivouac at Q-328787, a ridge near MONTE CARLO, where they were held in a reserve position. The two platoons of "A" Company which had been detached returned to Battalion control at 1950 hours the same day. The situation remained static as far as the Battalion was concerned until 1830 hours 12 September when "B" Company was moved to Q-352719 and rejoined the Battalion in order to take part in an infantry-tank problem worked in co-ordination with the 11th Infantry Battalion. During this period, the remainder of the Battalion worked on maintenance and training, with provisions made at various times for personnel to visit FLORENCE and LUCCA on day leave and movies in ALTOPASCIO and STAFFOLI.

At 1720 hours 14 September 1944, "A", "B", and "C" Companies were attached to Division Artillery, "A" and "B" Companies working with the 68th Field Artillery Battalion and "C" Company with the 27th Field Artillery Battalion. The remainder of the Battalion, consisting of Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, less the Assault Gun Platoon, and Service Company moved to Q-330695 near MONTE CARLO, closing at 1115 hours 15 September. "A", "B", and "C" Companies were in indirect firing positions at Q-364627, Q-336815 and Q-359838 respectively. The Assault Gun Platoon was relieved from the 27th Field Artillery Battalion and attached to the 68th Field Artillery Battalion at 0900 hours 15 September moving to Q-324637. The three Medium Tank Companies and the Assault Gun Platoon remained in these indirect firing positions until 1700 hours 28 September. At this time all fires were cancelled because the 370th Infantry Regiment had moved beyond the No-Fire Line. During this period an average of 100 rounds per tank per day was fired on targets picked by the 68th Field Artillery Battalion or picked by Fire Direction Center, 15th Tank Battalion from map, using information received from the G-2, Combat Command "B" of probable enemy locations. Several Battalion concentrations were fired which were highly complimented by the Commanding Officer of the 68th Field Artillery Battalion observing effect from an air O.P.

On 18 September at 2200 hours, "D" Company minus one platoon was attached to the 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron and passed from Battalion control.

The Battalion C.P. moved to Q-332651 in VILLA POCINELLI near PESOCIA on 21 September closing in that area at 1845 hours.

At 1000 hours 23 September, "D" Company 15th Tank Battalion minus one platoon was detached from the 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron and attached to the 11th Infantry Battalion. The Company remained in the same location. The one remaining platoon of "D" Company 15th Tank Battalion which had been attached to the 5th Infantry Battalion was released on 24 September and returned to the company area at 1800 hours.

On 27 September at 1015 hours, "D" Company 15th Tank Battalion was relieved from the 11th Infantry Battalion, "D" Troop 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron was attached to the 15th Tank Battalion and both units were ordered to move via MONTEMATINI to the vicinity of SERRA with mission to patrol area Q-358450 and maintain contact with the enemy. "A" Battery, 68th Field Artillery Battalion and the Assault Gun Platoon of the 15th Tank Battalion were to give supporting

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fires. The Battalion C.P. followed "D" Company 13th Tank Battalion and "D" Troop 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron and closed in new area at Q-408908 at 1835 hours. The remainder of the Battalion ("A", "B", "C" and Service Companies) moved to vicinity of MONTECATINI and went into bivouac at the following locations: "A" Company - Q-4148-8164; "B" Company - Q-4154-8158; "C" Company - Q-4148-8154.

The following day, 28 September, "D" Troop 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron sent out active patrols to North and Northwest proceeding by vehicle as far as demolitions would permit and then on foot. The only enemy contact was a small amount of small arms fire at Q-416978. One P.W., a deserter was taken vicinity Q-425977.

At 1830 hours 28 September, instructions from the Commanding Officer, Combat Command "B" cancelled all patrols except for local security and units were ordered to assemble their elements. A billeting party was sent out to reconnoiter areas near MONTECATINI for bivouac sites for the entire Battalion and attached units.

At 0930 hours 29 September the task force consisting of "D" Company 13th Tank Battalion, one platoon of "A" Company 16th Engineers, Battalion Headquarters Group, 13th Tank Battalion and "D" Troop 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron moved down the mountain towards MONTECATINI, the Battalion C.P. closing at Q-411828, ALBERGO MEDITERRANEO, MONTECATINI at 1245 hours. Once more the Battalion was together.

The Mortar Platoon 13th Tank Battalion was attached to the British 74th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment at 0900 hours 30 September and the Assault Gun Platoon was attached to the 68th Field Artillery Battalion at the same time. Later in the day the Assault Gun Platoon, at 1850 hours, reverted to Battalion control. As the month closed, the entire Battalion was assembled near MONTECATINI, taking advantage of the brief respite to maintainance vehicles and draw winter clothing.

Throughout the entire period 1 September to 30 September 1944 the Battalion worked very little as a unit, but was "farmed out" a Company here, a Platoon there. During this time the front line moved from South of the ARNO RIVER to a point well into the mountains and the GOTHIC LINE. Enemy resistance was, for the most part, scattered and light, with little attempt to impede our advance except by extensive and well-executed demolitions. Our casualties: vehicles, none; personnel, none.

For the Battalion Commander,

JOHN C. ELLIOTT
Major, 13th Tank Battalion,
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JOURNAL
15th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 1 September, 1944.

TIME:	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0600	One (1) M4 tank Co, 24 Vehicles, Hqs. 5 Vehicles, to cross AHO on C/O B order	S-5, 15th Tn Bn	C/O B
0640	Jump off 1000R. We will you close in assembly areas. Ans.: Time Co closed 0630R, CP located 290601	S-5, 15th Tn Bn	"A" Co.
1015	Closed CP via LA RADIA Q-193438 at 0920. Opened new CP at 391851 at 1015. Dist travelled: 8.5 miles.	S-5, 15th Tn Bn	C-5, 1st Arm Div
1050	Two Plato "C" Co 370th Inf relieves 2 Plato 14th Inf at 7/2. 2nd Platoon consists of 1st Co, 2nd Co, 3rd Co, 4th Co and 5th Platoon. Plus C Co 370 Inf (minus 2 platoons).	C/O B	S-5, 15th Tn Bn
1320	Dispatch one tank deser to Capt Parker 16th Regt at crossing S of Castle France.	C/O B	S-5, 15th Tn Bn
1322	1. Dispatch one tank deser with officer guide to Capt. Parker 16th Regt at crossing 300614 South of Castle France. 2. Report to this HQ when tank deser arrives at crossing.	S-5, 15th Tn Bn	"D" Co. 15th Tn Bn
1330	Friendly column reports enemy AT mine at 545029 along canal, also my mines along canal at 545034. My AP mines along road running at right angle to road at 535027. My AP mines at right angle to road at 535038. My AP mines in dune at 535040. My AP mines in field approx 600-700 yds E. of Monte Saleme. There are wires fastened to these mines.	CO 14th Inf.	CO, 1st Arm Div
1420	Estimate bridge completion "F" at 2100 hrs. Road is holding up. (Intercept)	"A" Co 15th Regt	C/O B
1451	Situation same. (Intercept)	"A" Co 15th Regt	C/O B
1600	Proceed to WASF (Intercept)	C/O B	14th Inf.
1755	It will be impossible to proceed to WASF until 1/15th can help us out. (Intercept)	14th Inf.	C/O B
1802	My minefields 569047 consist of AP and AT mines. At 564854 my mines AT and AP and a blown bridge.	14th Inf.	C/O B
1780	Friendly elements at 3855 along the general line following the canal to the 2905 line. Demolitions holding them up.	COth FA	CO, 1st Arm Div.
1920	14th Inf is not up where we are. It will be some time before they arrive. 14th Inf is held up due to difficulties on the ground. My CO thinks it best not to proceed to WASF until he arrives.	14th Inf	C/O B

**JOURNAL
19th TANK BATTALION**

DAYS: 1 September 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2020 2015	Closed CP at 1900 H at via 200501. Opened new CP via 201502 at 2006.	S-1, 15th Tn Bn	CO, 1 AB CO C/CS
2015	Warner Platoon reports to Bn Central, Lt Galloway reported to CP at 2015.	C/O B	War Plt
2140	There is your report	CO, 1st Armd Div	S-1, 15th Tn Bn
2140	"U" Co, 570th Attached to 15th Tn Bn at 1900		Verbal
2210	We will have to supply "U" Co 570th Inf. They have a 100 GPF and one for antitank. They have various other mags & Bn's. They have a full combat load of ammo at present. They have M1 Carbines, M3's, pistols and M1's. They use 1/2 rifle grenades. Also mortar and BARR. I will have them submit a written report and also report to me at 1700 hrs daily.	S-1, 15th Tn Bn	1st Column War Plt
2000	One down with 1/10th Regt, one with "B" 15th Tn Bn	Capt Deal	CO, A/CS
1 September 1944			
0535	"U" Co, 570th Inf was picked up and left here about 0400 hrs. They should have arrived by now.	Capt Deal	CO, A/CS
0640	"U" Co, 570th Inf relieved from C/CS reserve. Attached to 15th Tn Bn to relieve one Co 15th Inf which will revert to C/CS.	CO, C/CS	15th Tn Bn
0606	There will be no let up in attack until 9th Objective is secure.	CO, 1st Armd Div.	All units
0630	New at 0600 via 200607.	CO, C/CS	15th Tn Bn
0600	Closed CP at 201502 at 0600, opened new CP at 0600 at 0-201507. M1's travelled S. 1 mile.	C-1, 1st S-1, 15th Tn Bn	CO, 1st Armd Div
0610	Two batteries of 60th FA have crossed obstacle, one is still in place. (Intercept)	15th Inf	C/O B
0615	"A" Co closed at 571507 at 0615	"A" 15th Tn Bn	S-1, 15th Tn Bn
1130	New receive transmitter attached working at 1300 hours at this CP.	C/O B	S-1, 15th Tn Bn
1200	15th Inf near CP at 0-201507. (Intercept)	15th Inf	C/O B

JOURNAL
12th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 3 September 1964

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1800	"C" Co 14th Inf attached to 12th Tk Bn as of 1800	G/C B	S-3, 12th Tk Bn
1830	This CP will move via 246000.	Col, Maj Elliott,	
1830	Plan of proposed assembly area for Reserve indicates that area 245075 is unsuitable because of blown bridges on roads to the North which as yet have not been repaired. Plan to move tank elements of Reserve to vic. NJ 243700.	CO, 12th Tk Bn	CO, G/DB
1730	Effective at once the Road at Q-212000 is one-way for North traffic only. The Road at Q-212000 is one-way for North traffic only.	G/C B	All Units,
1800	Closed CP at 241200 at 1730. Opened new CP at 240000 at 1800. Dist. travelled - 4.8 miles.	S-3, 12th Tk Bn	G-3, 1st Armd Div,
1830	This CP closed at 215000 at 1800 hours.	G/C B	S-3, 12th Tk Bn
1900	Closed new CP at 240000 at 1900 hrs.	S-3, 12th Tk Bn	G/C B
2030	Location at 240700 (Intercept)	11th Inf	G/C B
2040	Inter Point opened at 21000 at Q-240075	G/C B	All Units
2130	Same as above.	S-3, 12th Tk Bn	Hq. Co 1st Co
2100	"C" Co 14th Inf is relieved from 12th Tank Bn and returns to 14th Inf Central effective 21000 to be provided only as permits this headquarters.	CO, 1st Armd Div	CO, 12th Tk Bn
2230	One my calibre arty piece at NJ 246775, two other arty pieces in vic 212700. Four arty tanks at 244700. Bridge to be blown at 246775 is protected by one M/G. This info was given to SDO by a native who just came thru the lines.	11th Inf	G/C B
3 September 1964.			
0645	Report from general include report on patrols of last night.	G/C B	14th Inf.
0600	14th G/C B supply route until further notice will be as follows: FORTINERA-Bridge 242000- NJ 204610-NJ 210000-NJ 237000. Maintenance on present route through CASTA-FRONS will be discontinued.	G/C B	All Units.
1100	Hq. W.P. at Q-240000. New Inter Point opens at 051000 Q-240075.	S-4, 1st Armd Div	S-3, 12th Tk Bn

**JOURNAL
12th AIRBORNE BATTALION**

DATE: 4 September 1944

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1106	For info of 31 Bn, arty fire falling on friendly troops via. Q-588784. Check my eyes and have them lift fire if they are shooting in that area.	Q/C B	14th Inf
1130	W.P. open at 1130 at Q-541691.	CG, I A D	All units
1500	Introl No. 1 contacted my inf at 555782 (Zabrowetz)	II Inf	Q/C B
1800	G.R. Collecting point vicinity Q-58045V please effective 081800H. G.R. Collecting point via Q-581808 opens effective 081800Z Sept 1944	G-3, 1st A.D.	G-3, 15th Tr Bn
1808	Introl No 2 tanks stopped at 587780, Inf moving toward 11th Inf		Q/C B
1818	Introl from 11th Inf to command from 587780 to 570780 start at 1800Z. Request no arty fire in area.	CG, 1st Amid Day.	30th FA
1830	Evacuation elements report my arty active at 580780	TOI 10	Q/C B
1800	Serv Co closed in new area at 1800Z	Captain Ostrach	G-3, 15th Tr Bn
1828	Italians report they have seen unknown number of my counterbattalion ALTOPASCIO 582780. (By Lt. Brown)	Q/C B	G-3, 15th Tr Bn
2000	W.P. at 580691 now open, alternate at 585680. Hqs Company, Engineers, Ruckelshausen bridge at 582606 (By Lt Brown) then F & H on Blacktop Bay called Ridge Road.	Q/C B	G-3, 15th Tr Bn
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	Case messages 1102B & 1800B 3 Sept.	G-3, 15th Tr Bn	Hq. "A", G-3 and Ser Co's
	A lone German plane strafed around the Bn Area at Approx 0810Z hrs. No casualties.		
0844	S Dog position. 31 Bn reports my inf and 1/3 strength unknown at 583784.	38th FA	Q/C B
1020	Q-522654 is new location.	2/47th	Q/C B
1048	Maj Wilder called to say that Q/C B had been ordered to take and secure ALTOPASCIO. The 19th Tr Bn less detachments was to be prepared to support that attack.	Maj Wilder	Col. Gardiner
1055	One plot of "A" 15th ordered to proceed towards ORTICIA to be picked up by TOI's to be employed in operation.	Col Dewey	Col Gardiner
1100	"A", 12th Ord now located at 582674	1/12th	Q/C B
1130	Message from Col Hixley, jump-off for attack on ALTOPASCIO is 1200Z.	1st Lt. Ostrach	Major Williams

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1800	"A" 15th People are with "B" 15th in vic 356715	4/15th	15th Inf
1645	Maj Hilder asked to get in touch with Col Gardiner and have him take over command of C/O B if it is true that Col Dewey has been injured.	C/O B	Maj Williams
1635	Met me at CP 11th Inf.	Cpl. Dewey	Maj Williams
1830	In cases where S-3 Periodic report is to arrive at this Hq later than 0100 hrs, the S-3 of the reporting unit will deliver his S-3 personally.	S-3, C/OB	S-3, 15th Tr Bn
1745	Our CP now located at 356622.	Sec/15th	CO 14th Inf
2000	At 1940, 4/15th was at 35751, one element of C/14 at 345733, also 7/15th is around 347745	CO 14th Inf	C/O B
2100	The Inf is going to outpost the town of ALTOPASCIO tonight. The 701st may be a little late in getting to their position due to darkness and the terrain. Demolitions are holding them back. They command the road and have a good field of fire.	S-3, 15th Tr Bn	Maj Hilder C/O B
2045	Location 7/15th Tr Bn at 359757.	15th Inf	C/O B
2100	Gen Daniel assumed command C/O B at 2100 hrs. Col Gardiner returned to 15th Tank Bn		
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0715	For report on lessons learned in combat, a negative report is submitted.	"A", 15th Tr Bn	S-3, 15th Tr Bn
0630	Platoon "A", 15th Tr Bn closed in Cp Area 0400R.	Company Messenger	
1805	CP closes this location 1800R, Opns Q-36700 in 45 minutes.	C/O B	S-3, 15th Tr Bn
1034	Have five trucks 2 1/2 ton report to CO Trains Hq at 0750R 5 Sept 1944.	CO, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 15th Tr Bn
1450	Our present location is Q-360229	Sec/11 Inf	CO 11th Inf
1445	You will occupy a general line Q-36775 to prevent left sector positions with two companies during daylight today.	C/O "B"	11th Inf <u>Intercept</u>

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1650	C.P. at Q-514722	701 TD	C/CB
1945	C.P. at Q-561699	A/18 Engr	C/CB
2042	Patrol reached point Q-575794 at 2000B	51 Rm	C/CB
2109	Elements of C/51 Rm at Q-565787 and 582774 and 594774, No enemy activity observed at last light; 2030B	51 Rm	C/CB
2240	This C.P. at Q-530725	14 Inf	C/CB
2345	C.P. "B" Troop Q-572765. Platoon 1 at 562776 to 570776, Platoon 2 at 570776 to 580776. Platoon 3 at 575781	51 Rm	C/CB
2300	Eight Elements of C/51 Rm at Q-568755, others unchanged	51 C/CB	C/CB
2347	1 Platoon D/51 Rm maintaining continuous contact with unit off left beginning 2300B	51 Rm	C/CB
2350	C/51 Rm patrol at 561788 at 2355B. No enemy contact	51 Rm	C/CB
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0020	C/51 Rm patrol at 578795 at 2400B. No contact.	51 Rm	C/CB
0020	C/51 Rm Patrol at at 2400B. No contact.	51 Rm	C/CB
0130	C/51 Rm troop patrol at at 0100B. No contact. F/51 Rm and D/51 Rm nothing to report.	51 Rm	C/CB
0230	C/51 Rm troop patrol returned at 0214B. No further info to report.	51 Rm	C/CB
0355	Our Rm patrols returned; report bridge out at 252767	701 TD	A/CB
0530	At 0615 location of 1st Plat D/51 Rm troop 565775; Location of 2nd Plat D/51 575775; Location of 3rd Plat 574760	C/51 Rm	C/CB
0736	Visibility fair; no enemy movement seen during night; all quiet. Enemy mortar fire fall occasionally at 264775.	51 Rm	C/CB
0740	New C.P. at 570747, request wire be laid to this point	51 Rm	C/BB
0830	C.P. moving to new location via Q-570746 at 0830B	51 Rm	C/CB
0850	Operations Instructions C/CB arrived CP at 0850B	S-3, 15th	S-3, C/CB

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0830	Mounted Patrol, 2 vehicles, route G-368777-G-361806 patrol leaves 0930B returns 1130B 6 September.	61 Rm	C/GB
1000	Have 5 trucks & ten report to airport at PORTEDERA G-278578 at 1830B today. Drivers to take one meal. An officer from WALRUS (6th Tk Bn) will form a convoy of 24 trucks.	G-4, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 15th Tank Bn
1005	Same as above to S-4, 15th Tank Bn.	S-3, 15th Tank Bn	S-4, 15th Tank Bn
1117	G/61 Rm troop patrol has completed mission and returned. No enemy activity at 1100B.	61 Rm	C/GB
1210	Lt. Col Gardiner to attend meeting at Hqs C/GB 1330B	S-3, C/GB	S-3, 15th
1510	Bridges blown at 385797, 382801, 384796. Enemy CP at house vic. 382807; man observed on roof fixing antenna no other enemy observed.	61 Rm	C/GB
1520	C.P. 701st TD at 385718, closed at 1400B	701 TD	C/GB
1545	Patrol at 308305, nothing encountered yet.	701 TD	C/GB
1610	Send transportation to pick up men from Rest Camp at Div Rear now where Div Hqs was.	A6, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 15th
1612	Same as above	S-3, 15th	S-4, 15th
1620	C.P. E/61 Rm at 342785, Battery located at 343748 ready for mission 1605B	61 Rm	C/GB
1630	Disregard message 1610B ref. transportation. We have truck.	A6, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 15th
1632	Stop truck to Div Rear.	S-3, 15th	S-4, 15th
0630	"B", "C", "D" Companies, 15th Tk Bn revert to 15th Tk Bn Control at 0600B 7 September	CG, C/GB	S-3, 15th (verbal)
1230	Two Platoons "A" Co, 15th Tk Bn attached to 6th Inf Bn at 1530B.	C/GB	Col. Gardiner
1700	Lt Boucher will coordinate "A" 15th Plats with 6 Inf	Col. Gardiner	Lt Boucher
1830	Received Operations Instructions #8, C/GB	Col. Gardiner	Major Elliott
1900	Operations Instructions #8 has been destroyed.	S-3, 15th	S-3, C/GB
1900	"D" Co, 15th Tk Bn closed at 385712 at 1900B	"A", 15th	S-3, 15th

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1837	C.P. now at 326781. Request wire	6 Inf	C/GB
1945	A/6 Inf reached objective.	6 Inf	C/GB
1945	B/6 Inf reached Objective.	6 Inf	C/GB
1120	No report has been received by the office in re daily Bulletin #31, Sec 2, dated 30 Aug 1944, Hq 1st Armd Div. Immediate report will be submitted covering same.	G-4/1st Armd Div	S-3, 15th Tk Bn
2320	"D" Co, 15th Tk Bn to furnish one platoon Lt Tanks for reinforced patrol of 6th Inf. Platoon to report to CP 6th Inf. at 010600 September. C.P. 6th Inf at 328785	C/GB	S-3, 15th Tk Bn
1930	Correction to Operations Instructions #8 (corrected) change para 11a to read 1800H, 7 Sept. 1944 instead of 1700H.	C/GB	S-3, 15th Tank Bn
2350	One platoon light tanks to report to CP 6th Inf 523785 at 070000 September 1944; they will be used on a reinforced patrol.	S-3, 15th Tank Bn	C.O. "D" 15th
2340	Effective 0600, 7 Sept 1944 you will attach to 6th Inf Bn. One light tank platoon.	C/GB	S-3, 15th Tank Bn
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0824	Special Patrol left at 0800, Patrol of 0400 returned at 0800. No enemy contact.	81 Bn	C/GB
0900	Patrol reached 345820 at 0845, 4 POWs taken	81 Bn	C/GB
0900	Battalion will assemble in general area 328765	C/GB	Maj Williams
0915	Patrol reached objective 1 at 0905B; Noncontact; proceeding on mission.	81 Bn	C/GB
0940	Forward elements received M/G fire from houses to left and right of blown bridge at 328285; also when contact was made, enemy sent up one red flare.	81 Bn	C/GB
1000	This C.P. now located at 324751	C/GB	All white
1030	POW cage now at G-321754	C/GB	A-1 units
1200	We are on second objective; no contact with enemy. Friend reports enemy ahead. Bridge on scheduled route impassable one. Detouring at 305845.	6 Inf	C/GB

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1300	"A" and "C" Companies will move to assembly area via Q-353712 at once.	Col. Gardiner	AMC Cos.
1305	This C.P. now located at 229768	8th Inf	C/GB
1315	Have 5 trucks report to S-4 Wheatly 15th Ingrs by 1500B this afternoon. Have drivers and asset drivers prepared to stay for four or five days.	G-4, 1st Arm Div	S-3, 15th Tank Bn
1320	Same as above.	S-3, 15th	S-4, 15th
1430	C.P. A/10th Ingrs located at 325749	A/10th	C/GB
1435	Forward elements at 303943 - your C there	5th Inf	C/GB
1440	Closed in new area at 1443 hrs. CP located at 353710.	"A", 15th	S-3, 15th
1524	"C" Co closed 1500B at 353715	Lt Bouchor	S-3, 15th
1530	C.P. now at 404710.	701 TD	C/GB
1530	701 TD C.P. now located at Q-353774	701 TD	C/GB
1515	C.P. Q-353837 closed at 071800B; traveled 1.8 miles, opened new C.P. at 071815B.		Verbal
1615	Estimated 2100m arty falling via blown bridge 338228 at 1857A.	S1 Bn	C/GB
1830	C.P. Q-353937 closed 1800B. New C.P. Q-354711 opened 1830B hours.	S-3, 15th	C/GB
1915	C.P. closes new area at 1946. C.P. located at Q-353744	B/47th	C/GB
1945	British approach battle 425825 1900B	S1 Bn	C/GB
1955	Partisans report no enemy at 375530 or 375515. One enemy M/G at 375525, one enemy M/G at 377523 and one enemy M/G at 375946; all have enemy crews. Believe arty coming from via Marliana 410678 at 1955B.	S1 Bn	C/GB
2202	Letter. Subject: Patrol to contact enemy, received from C/GB.	S-3, 15th	C/GB
2215	Light tank of "D", 15th TD Bn which turned over on patrol this afternoon is still there. Two S-3s were dispatched to retrieve it but before they arrived the Inf had withdrawn to a position considerably in the rear of disabled tank. Conditions of road in that area are such that it is impossible to get to the tank with a S-3 in the dark. Two S-3s are required for the job. Tank is still in its forward position.	phoned by duty officer	C/GB

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TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
2250	Send two 2-2s to bridge at Fontevaux immediately	C/GB	Ser/13th
2345	Regards msg 2250 from C/GB, Ser/13th has only one present.	Ser/13th	C/GB
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0050	Send the one you have.	C/GB	Ser/13th
0015	Regards msg 2250, sending 1 2-2 and 1 wrecker.	Ser/13th	C/GB
0650	2 Plato "A" Co to be released to Rn today. 1 Co of 104. will occupy ridge via MonteCarlo in a reserve position. Co will move out in early evening on Rn order.	C/GB	3-3, 13th
0855	"B" Co 13th Tn Bn will move out after evening show and occupy ridge via MonteCarlo. Have Capt Purham "B" Co, and Lt Dulme (Bn Co) meet me at C/GB immediately. We will select positions for "B" Co.	Col. Gardiner	Major Elliott
0920	Send your mix over about 1800. Pick up tomorrow noon	C/GB	16 Engrs
1050	81 Bn at 308345	81 Bn	C/GB
1040	OP at 477786.	81 Bn	C/GB
1100	British element proceeding to 423558, 0059B	81 Bn	C/GB
1102	Purtissas report very strong point from Q-349677 to 347887, road mined at 347887.	81 Bn	C/GB
1125	Forward elements at Q-342943	81 Bn	C/GB
1145	Blown Bridge at 342326	81 Bn	C/GB
1147	Forward elements also at 353942 at 1130	81 Bn	C/GB
1200	Do not fire on our Infantry at 353837	81 Bn	C/GB
1230	3/A fire coming from via 345522. 1200B A/T gun via 340556 fired 3 rounds. Believed to be 76mm.	81 Bn	C/GB
1222	Forward elements have reached objective 2, proceeding on mission.	81 Bn	C/GB
1234	Elements at objective 2 received direct A/T fire, estimated 7mm; location of guns unknown.	81 Bn	C/GB
1235	Heavy M/G fire falling at 342646; cannot locate gun	81 Bn	C/GB
1235	Heavy M/G fire believed coming from 350800; 3 rounds arty fell via 344356.	81 Bn	C/GB
1240	Elements of 81 Bn with friends on right at 440003	81 Bn	C/GB

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TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1205	Forward elements British at 422835 & 455855 at 1130	81 Bn	C/GB
1248	Hq 6th Inf forward elements at Q-354853	81 Bn	C/GB
1300	Culleodi, at 513848 is reported to have a good many enemy. Verona at 520860 is reported to be held in strength by the enemy.	81 Bn	C/GB
1305	Forward elements located at 424845.	81 Bn	C/GB
0940	Ammunition report not received TOKUTAR 44YIV AMMO, OFF. From period ending 1900 hrs 7 Sept 1944	Ammo. Control Point	S-4, 15th Tank Bn.
1000	The people on the left (D'Ve) will harbor at San Gennaro, Q-301845. They will stay there tonight and move out on the same type of job in the morning. If you feel the people there need some rest you may change them.	S-3, C/GB	S-3, 15th
1400	Patrol of C/81 Bn reached Q-375825, returned at 0615 no enemy contact.	81 Bn	C/GB
1360	Artillery report 5 88mm guns in bend of road at 548378, Bridge blown at 387832. Road impassable at this point.	81 Bn	C/GB
1400	Hq 6th Inf working eastward from last given location but are not over 300-400 yards from that point.	81 Bn	C/GB
1700	Water Point has moved to 268776 in operation at 1700 hours 8 September 1944.	C/GB	All units
1700	Following are locations of Div Shower Points now in operation: Q-330884, Q-148887. The shower point at 148887 is reserved on the afternoon of the odd days for the 370th. The 370th IGT will not use Div Showers other than Q-148887.	S-3, 15th	All Cos
1708	Send 10 trucks instead of 9 for detail to Division	C/GB	S-4, 15th
1807	Direct fire HE Arty landed at 548864 at 1858	81 Bn	C/GB
1918	0800-1200 hrs, all 75, 75, 57mm ammo will be removed from tanks, cleaned, checked, and faulty rounds turned in. 1200-1800 Showers; 1st Spts will notify this Hq prior to 1800 hrs the number of men who will attend showers. This is no clothing exchange.	S-3, 15th	All Cos.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1915	R/13 location 526707	Lt. Deane	S-3
1915	Road impassable because of demolitions at 345870 and rifle fire defending road block.	S1 Rom	C/US
1950	2 Plats A/13 closed at 1915.	A/13	S-3
2010	Bridge now open at 22809.	C/US	All Units
2020	Bridge blown at 345857, protected by small area fire.	S1 Rom	C/US
2035	We need a D-2 or the vehicle similar to it on wheels for some work. If you cannot have one released from 15th Regt, will it be possible to have their 2-3 here in the morning?	S/13	W/13
2056	I will have "U" Co send their D-2 to you.	Maj Williams	S/13
2045	Have your 2-3 report to Capt Catron Ser Co, Q-561570 in the morning.	S/5 10th	S Co 19th
2150	Ray tank with 78mm gun at 347877. Demolition on road at 345877 and 345872. Blown bridge at 345857, ray automatic guns at 345870 and 345869.	S1 Rom	C/US
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0822	Patrol at 346843 at 0730. Rom/701 position unchanged	S1 Rom	C/US
0850	OP at 358775.	70120	C/US
0945	2 POW taken, one at 0850 is from 8th Co, 149th Regt. Other POW no information as yet. Air OP reports bridge blown at 370915 and 368894.	S1 Rom	C/US
1027	Road craters at 347885, bridge blown at 345854.	S1 Rom	C/US
1030	There will be a movie tent at 1400 and 1800 hrs in ALTO PASCIO. One truck per Company will be supplied by Subafter shuffling personnel to the movie, the same truck will be used for the shower detail.	S-3 19th	All Cos
1040	Reference message 0945, only one POW taken.	S1 Rom	C/US
1120	Whilliams report 20 enemy left via 345868 hurriedly this morning and left blankets behind.	S1 Rom	C/US
1445	Capt Weber called to say that the C/US front line was being moved out to the following co-ordinates: 3562-3453-3062-378904.	C/US	S-3 19th

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1520	Effective at once, Bridge at POWTERA is for Northbound traffic only, Bridge at GASCINA is for Southbound traffic only.	C/GB	All Units
1530	Catholic Services will be held in "A" Co area 0900, 10 Sept.	S-3	All Cos
1715	Have 10 trucks report to ration dump Q-8-25 at 0800 10 Sept	C/GB	S-3
1720	Protestant Services 0900 Hrs 10 Sept in Pine Grove near main road to Battalion Area.	S-3	All Cos
1730	Have 10 trucks report to ration dump Q-8-25 at 0800 10 Sept	S-3	S-4
1730	11 Italians report to army in PESCIA, 063004 at 1730	S1 Rom	C/GB
1825	This C.P. now located at 301795	6 Inf	C/GB
1930	Partisans report all roads leading into PISTOIA heavily mined, 701 ID		C/GB
2020	Class III D.P. opens Q-320635 at 0800 hrs 10 Sept., Class I opens at Q-330635, 11 Sept.	Q-4, 1AD	S/S,
2025	Same as above.	S-3	S-4
2025	Operations Instructions #10 received,	Lt. Brown, Lia. Off	S-3
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0929	CG 1st AD just phoned CG C/GB to have 13th Tk Bn remain where they are and not move until further instructions. CG is on way to C/GB now to give instructions. No other info at present.	Lt. Brown	S/S 13th
1000	Request telephone line check toward Roma E.	S/47	C/GB
1025	C.P. moving to via PESCIA, Q-342948,	S1 Rom	C/GB
1040	Patrol at Q-367905.	same	same
1110	C.P. now at 353839.	same	same
1120	Friendly elements at our right request we do not send our elements in that sector.	S1 Rom	asst S-3 C/GB
1122	Do you have anything East of that sector.	C/GB	S1 Rom
1125	We have a patrol a short way but they do not interfere.	S1 Rom	C/GB
1134	Rec message of 1025 as of 1020 informing people of situation. Nothing we can do of situation.	C/GB	S1 Rom
1125	I disagree with you; we were ordered to work up to that objective and want to know if we are to proceed on that mission. We want to know if we are to proceed in the sector in question.	S1 Rom.	C/GB

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DATE: 10 September 1944 (cont)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1150	You will comply with friend's request; continue to maintain contact. If contact cannot be maintained, notify this HQ.	G/CB	81 Bn
1155	Now being able to enter British Sector.	81 Bn	G/CB
1220	Several large explosions reported by car patrol on road East of 360910 at 1150. FO reports large explosion at 365800.	same	same
1221	Request your location.	same	same
1225	Request location of forward elements of 6 Inf	same	same
1230	This CP is moving to Q-324838	G/CB	ALL UNITS
1245	Our patrol still in contact with enemy at 367905	81 Bn	G/CB
1255	Civilians report ammo dump along road from BOVEBLO, Q-307925 to BEMARBO, Q-300855.	same	same
1302	Constructing by-pass at 346852	same	same
1400	British request we do not patrol to our Obj. at 420915, but stay in our sector. Request new patrol objective.	same	same
1455	W.P. located at 344335 opens at 1800 hrs today.	G/CB	all units
1600	Forward elements G/81 at 380657 at 1445. No enemy contact	81 Bn	G/CB
1612	Bridges blown at 374901 and 378205 and 380657 and 354897 Road crater at 372905.	same	same
1625	Final Destination at 305325.	6 Inf	G/CB
1650	Present location Q-295805.	same	same
1700	This CP now located at Q-333829.	G/CB	all units
1715	GRS point at 251535 closing at 111000B Sept 44. Opens at 278657 111000 Sept 44.	G-4, I A D	All units
1715	same as above	G/CB	All units
2000	same as above	S-3	In Surgeon Lt Bushner
2100	You may replace the small unit with another. The large unit that you have employed will remain in place.	G/CB	CO 15th Tn Bn
0815	Div Shower Point Q-148657 closes 0900 this date. New location to be announced.	G-4 I A D	All units

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DATE: 12 September 1944

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1320	R/13th Tk Bn moved from Q-326787 to Q-362719 on Bn order, to prepare for problem tomorrow. Closed 1320.	Major Elliott	Verbal
1055	Send Co-ordinates of Ammo Dump of 300 rounds of 105mm How. M-48 fuse in your service to Capt. Wash at Div. Arty Office P D to Mr Good, Serv Co, 13th Tk Bn from Div Ammo Officer. He will have one of the P.A.Bns take it off your hands sometime today.	Ammo Control Officer	S/3, 13th
1200	Same as above.	S/3, 13th	G/4, B th
1300	Army ASP O4-17 located at Q-331470 closes 1800B 13 Sept. Army ASP O4-21 located at Q-233608 opens 1800B 13 Sept. Div. ASP located Q-328470 closes 1800B 13 Sept. Response at Q-233608 at 1800B 13 Sept.	G/4 1st A.D	All Units
1400	The CO R/13 and Plt Ldr of Light platoon scheduled for problem tomorrow will report to CO 11th Inf at 1800B today.	S/3, 13	B/13 D/13
1650	Pro Station will be opened in Fascist Hq in PESCIA at 1800B today.	S/3 G/CB	All Units
1740	Town of PESCIA is off limits to all Military Personnel except for passage thru town and cases of military necessity.	G/CB	All Units
1800	Training Schedule 14 Sept: 0800-1200, Training Film, "Battle of Russia". Cos will assemble vicinity "C" Co and march to ALTOPASCIO. Co Cdr's meeting at Bn C.P. 1130B.	S/3, 13	All Cos.
1830	"C" Co will dispatch 2 med. tks to B Co at 0715, 13 Sept 44 to replace disabled B Co tks on tomorrow's problem.	S/3, 13	CO B/13 G/13
1900	Message 1740B above, G/CB.	S/3, 13	All Cos.
1915	Dispatch 9 trucks to dump O4-15 Q-140480 to arrive at 0745 13 Sept.	G/CB	S/3, 13
1920	Same as above.	S/3, 13	S/4, 13
2205	Effective 131200B LUDCA will be open to Div on a pass status. Uniform: G, helmet, no side arms. Curfew for EM 2030B.	G/3, 1AD	All 13 killer, units
2020	Have 9 trucks report to ASP O4-17 at Q-331460 at 0800 hours 14 Sept.	G/4, 1AD	S/3, 13
2030	Same as above.	S/3, 13	S/4, 13

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DATE: 14 September 1944.

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1400	Alert 2 Mtd. Cos to move out after dark to go into indirect firing positions. You (Col. Gardiner) and the 2 Co. Cmdrs meet me at Div as soon as possible.	Com. Daniel C/CB	Col. Gardiner 15th
1430	517th Mgr W.P. located Q-234755 closed. Now opened at Q-255301. Additional 517th WP now open at Q-195304.	G/A, 1 A.D.	S/S, B th
1615	Alert one gun of B/15 and C/15 to move out before dark to register in. Companies will take their fire direction equipment.	Col. G'ner	Maj. Williams
1630	No one will leave camp until further orders.	same	same
1630	See at 1630.	same	same
1730	Have "A", "B", "C" Cos alerted to move at once.	Col G'ner	Maj Williams
1730	"A", "B", "C" Cos attached to Div Arty 1730B	C/CB	S/S, 15
1745	Have one tank per Plat. of "A", "B", "C" Cos ready to move out with Capt Clay as soon as he gets there, and one platoon to go with Lt. Brown. "A" and "C" Cos will go with 68 FA Bn and "B" 15 with 27 FA Bn. We'll have to lay down 100 rounds per gun.	Col. G'ner	Maj. Williams
2220	Guides for the trains will be at this CR.	Ross	Sw/15
15 September 1944			
0200	B/15 closed at 0045B	B/15	S/S, 15
1047	Issue 200 rounds of M-54 to both BAC Cos as soon as possible.	Maj Elliott	S/S, 15
1115	Opened new CP at Q-330695, closed at 1045B.	S-5	C/CB
1150	"A" Co CP at Q-364927, "B" Co at Q-356815, "C" - Q-356838	S-5	CQ/15
1230	"D" Co closed 1130B at 537776	D/15	S/S, 15
1230	Request location of A/G Platoon.	S/2, 15	S/S, B
1305	Your request of location 1230B is Q-539812	S/2, 15	S/2, 15
1400	A/G Plat of 15th attached to 68 FA Bn as of 0900 15 Sept.	C/CB	S/S, 15
1400	A/G Plat of 15th will move to vic Q-524837 at 0700B 16 September.	Maj Elliott	S/S, 15
1440	Location Q-335812.	same	same

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DATE: 15 September 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1600	Div G R Collecting Point at Q-279830 is now closed. Div G R Collecting Point at Q-325762 is now opened.	G/1,1 AD	3/3, 15th
1615	Have now battery sent up to our track tonight.	Maj Elliott	3/3,15
1700	Div Shower Point at Q-350686 closed. Div S.P. at Q-342829, G/4 now open.	G/4 1 AD	3/3,15
1710	Ser Co 15th closed in bivouac at Q-329779 at 1600B	Ser/13	3/3,15
2200	Submit request for training ammo by type and amount desired for month of Sept to G/4,1AD prior to 1800B 15 Sept 44.	G/3,1AD	3/3,15
16 September 1944.			
1400	Same as above message 2200B from G/3.	3/3,COB	3/3,15
1405	Rec'd Plan MOUNTAIN GOAT & info Col Gardiner is in command of G/CS	Yrbal Maj Elliott	
2020	We can draw 100 more rounds of 76mm ammo; we can fire that plus any average we may have, but not fire basis load.	Lt Brown LQ, 15	3/3,15
2050	Same as above.	Maj Elliott Capt Gleason, at 65 PA Reg.	
2200	"D" 15 minus 1 Plat was attached to 81 Rqn at 2200. Col Gardiner, D/13		
2310	Report to Bn CP immediately.	3/3,15	D/15
2330	Effective 2200B 16 Sept. "D" 15th minus 1 Plat attached to 81st Cav Rqn Sqdn. Movement to area prescribed by CO 81 Cav under direction of CO 15th Tank Bn.	3/3,COB	Col. Gardiner
2355	100 rounds per gun for "B" Co started by daylight and 100 rounds for "B" and "C" Cos by noon.	Cpt. Gleason 88 PA	Maj Kilmas
2555	Operational Memo #11 G/CS delivered by Lt. Brown, LQ 15th Tank Battalion.	3/3,15	
17 September 1944			
0100	Have you rec'd orders from CO G/CS to move Cp to Q-339808 at 0600B?	B/47	CO, 47 Med
0110	Transmit time to Rqn. Time is now 0115	G/CS	All units
0145	Have closed in bivouac area 0110E.	11 Inf	G/CS
0200	All trucks have gone to draw ammo.	Ser/15	3/3,15

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DATE: 17 September 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0435	Q-359808 new coordinate.	B/47	C/GB
0645	CP now at Q-347880.	11 Inf	C/GB
0645	One South Able Co moved out from 347880 at 0635B toward OBJ. # 2.	11 Inf	C/GB
0700	VELLANO secured at 0600B, SERANO seized at 0500B	81 Run	C/GB
0750	170720B originator 47 had more when possible.	B/47	C/GB
1025	Run routes thru MONTECATINI to Div Arty at SELIAVALLE back to BUCCITARA South across railroad to CHI-SINIAU. ZZABESE South to ALTOPASCIO.	Yeiter C/GB	Maj Williams
1045	Same as above.	Maj Williams	C/GB/15
1330	100 rounds 76mm to S-4 15th from Div Ammo Off. HE with Fuse M544 now available at ASP- 421.	ASP	S/3,15
1400	Same as above.	Maj Williams	Ser/15
1537	Our C/11 Inf has taken 3rd Obj. are now securing it but no resistance. They are now at Q-374928 moving to Q-374929.	11 Inf	C/GB
1710	Additional allocation of 3333 rounds of 76mm ammo to each Tank Bn as of 1200B 18 Sept 44.	Q/4 1 AD	S/3,15
1730	Same as above.	S/3,15	S/4,14
1712	Pow Cage now located at Q-319814.	C/GB	11 Inf
18 September 1944.			
1850	Our B/11 Inf is on Obj 2 and will secure it.	11 Inf	C/GB
1350	Our C/11 is at Q-368922, they are meeting no resistance they are moving on to objective.	same	same
1900	Civilians report Germans have taken coveralls from our men/ some and are wearing them in our sector.	same	same
19 September 1944.			
No Entry.			
20 September 1944			
No entry.			

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13th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 20 September 1944.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0145	Effective 191600A the boundary between 1 AD and 6 SA AD is Q-388907 - Q-388930 - Q-378952 - Q-378972 - Q-388000 all inclusive to the 6 SA AD, otherwise no change.	GS, 1 AD	SS, 13th
21 September 1944.			
1400	Closed CP via Q-330775 at 1330. Moved CP to Q-332631 opened at 1345. Distance travelled- 5.5 miles.		Verbal
1400	Same as above.	SS, 13th	SS, C/C B.
22 September 1944.			
No entry.			
23 September 1944.			
1020	Effective 1000 hrs 23 Sept 44, "D" Co 13th Tk Bn (minus 1 Plat) detached from 81st Cav Non Sqdn and attached to 11th Arm Inf Bn in place.	SS, C/C B	SS, 13th
1045	You are now detached from the 81st and attached to the 11th Inf. You will report to the CO 11th Inf at Q-387895 immediately.	SS, 13th	CO, B Co
1040	"D" 13th (minus 1 Plat) detached from 81st Bn and attached to 11th Inf as of 1000A.	11 Inf	SS, 13th
1600	"Off Limits" Law no longer applies to the town of HSCIA.	SS, C/C B	SS, 13th
1610	Same as above.	SS, 13th	All Cos.
24 September 1944.			
1250	During all tank firing there will be an officer on duty with each platoon and one on duty in the CO G.P.	CO, 13th	All Cos
1620	1 Plat "D" 13th released from 8th Inf at 1400A, closed in "D" Company area at 1600A.		Verbal Maj Elliott
1800	S and B unit now open at Q-225765 from 0800-1900 A.	G4, 1 AD	All unit.
25 September 1944.			
No entry.			

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136th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 26 September 1944

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1300	A/Cs 13th Tk Bn will support 2nd Bn 570th Infantry.	SS, C/CB	CO, 13th
1700	All fires cancelled; 370th moving beyond "no fire" line.	Verbal	
1845	Two officers will report to Lt Runner at CM Dump Q-6-39 S4, C/CB at Q-330663 tomorrow morning. They will be there for three or four days to work with a provisional truck company. Location may be obtained from S4, C/CB as soon as they find out where it is. S4, C/CB is still at old location.	SS, 13th	SS, 13th

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1014	Alert your company for movement. CO report to Lt C/P	SS, 13th	CO, D 13th
1014	Alert your platoon for movement.	SS, 13th	A/G Flat
1015	(a). D Co 13th detached from 11th Inf, reports to 13th Tank Bn Control. (b). D Troop 81st Bn attached to 13th Tk Bn 1015A (c). D Co 13th will move via MONTSCATINI to via SERRA and will patrol to NE until contact is made. Patrols will be mounted as far as vehicles will permit and then dismounted patrols will work forward. (d) Mission of D Co 13th and D Troop 81st: to patrol area 368-460 and maintain contact with enemy. (e) "A" Btry 68th FA will support B/13 and D/81 from vic 308890. A/G 13th will move to general vicinity 400-890 to take up positions. 68th FA will register and fire B/13th.	Major Williams	Major Elliott SS, 13th
1645	Closed CP via 332831 at 1400A. Opened new CP at 408905 closed at 1835. Distance travelled: 17.6 miles.		Verbal
1645	C.P. now located at 408905, closed 1835.	SS, 13th	SS, C/CB
1710	An outpost of Flat strength from D Troop has been established at 434936 for the night. A patrol will start in morning for 459960. Defensive arty fires have been prepared.	Colonel Gardiner	C.O. C/C B
1720	C.P. 13th at 408907; C.P. D Troop 81 at 420915; C.P. D/13th at 399923; C.B. A/G 13th at 407906.	CO, 13th	CO, C/CB
1735	Do you want liaison Officer 68th F.A. with you.	C/C B	SS, 13th
1740	Have you reached town of PITEOLIO 409984.	CO, C/CB	CO, 13th
1800	Re. msg 1740: No.	CO, 13th	CO, C/CB
1825	Msg re liaison Officer; No we do not.	SS, 13th	C/C B
1855	CP A/13th at 4148-8164; Closed 1700. CP B/13th at 4154-8168; Closed 1645; CP C/13th at 4148-8154, closed at 1800.		Verbal Maj Elliott
1857	Request location of Water Point.		-26-

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DATE: 27 September 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1900	You will have a tank with full crew, an officer in charge and five (5) extra pair of coveralls report to IV Corps Representative 291800A Sept at Q-342633	SS, 15	CO A/15
1935	Request location of Water Point	SS, 15	CO C/OB
1945	"A." Btry 68th FA Bn attached to 13th Tk Bn	C/O B	SS, 15
1945	300 men will report to C.O. 11th Inf Bn at Q-355929 tomorrow at 0800A.	C/O B	Col. Gardiner
1945	All secure.	D/81	CO, 15
1950	Location of W.P. at 341835.	C/O B	CO, 15
2000	Same as above.	SS, 15	D/81.
2000	C.P. A/15 at 4148-8164, closed 1700A C.P. B/15 at 4154-8158, closed 1645A C.P. C/15 at 4148-8154, closed 1800A	SS, 15	C/O B
2010	Request info of friendly troops on our left.	SS, 15	SS, C/O B
2015	Defensive fires now available to you on call.	SS, 15	CO D/15, D/81.
2030	Defensive fires arby have been prepared to be fired on call. Prepared concentrations on following points: Cone G-1: 4336-9590; G-2: 4118-9510; G-3: 4077-9566; G-4: 4204-9445.	SS, 15	same
2050	Elements of A/11th Inf at Q-378864. Elements of B/11th Inf at Q-360968.	C/O B	CO, 15
2050	Re msg 2010, above info is all we can get.	C/O B	CO, 15
2100	1. Our Service Co reports a number of accidents on AUTOSTRADA during hours of darkness due to the absence of lights on Bailey Bridges. 2. Request the proper authority post a system of night marking.	S/S, 15	C/OB
2144	All secure.	D/81	CO, 15th
28 September 1944.			
0130	Capt Feiter (C/OB) will be at your OP at 0600A 28 Sept with the instructions on patrol intentions.	Lt. Fleming	SS, 15
0705	Regarding 190 men detail, what arrangements are to be made for rations. How long will this detail be detached.	Ser/15	CO, 15
0130	Patrols (read Bn only) are to be sent from Q-435935 North to Q-430640 to Q-450004. The other patrol from Q-435935(EJ) to Q-398952 to Q-385963 to Q-373936 along ridge route. Bngr representatives will be furnished and will accompany each patrol. Send L.O. to this Bn (COB) tomorrow morning 28 Sept for info only.	Lt Fleming	S-3, 15

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DATE: 28 September 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0900	All requisitions for Quartermaster class II will be submitted to S-4, C/O B for approval.	S3,13	S4,13
1000	3rd Plat now at 434948; Bad demolitions at Q-434948.	D/81	S3,13
1020	Dog needs 800 gals. gas.	S3,13	S4,13
1020	Combat Command Surrey states winter clothes are available as of yesterday. Have you taken any action.	S3,13	S4,13
1040	Mag 0900 this date.	S3,13	S4,13
1100	2 Plat D/81 at Q-412944. 1 Plat D/81 at Q-412950.	D/81	S3,13
1130	Same as above.	S3,13	C/O B
1145	Forward elements at Q-425977.	D/81	S3,13
1200	3 Plat D/81 at Q-425977.	S3,13	C/O B
1200	1 Plat of A/16 Bnrs attached to 15th Tk Bn	Verbal, Maj. Elliott.	
1220	3 Plat D/81 has 1 POW, a deserter, is sending him back.	D/81	S3,13
1220	Location 2 Plat D/81 Q-412948.	same	same
1230	Kennwood 6 (Gen Wood) is at our C.P. Will return to 370 ROT at 1430.	Verbal	
1300	Your people with 11th Armd Inf Bn will be ready to return to you at 1450.	C/O B	C/O 12th
1308	Location 2nd Plat D/81 at Q-412948	S3,13	C/O B
1308	Mag 1300 this date.	S3,13	S4,13
1310	Our RT is Q-396958 WTR.	D/81	S3,13
1345	Same as above.	S3,13	C/O B
1358	Pat elements at Q-416978 encountered S/A fire from 2 enemy. They also threw grenades. Believed they retired to North.	D/81	C/O 13
1420	Same as above.	S3,13	C/O B
1445	Location of 2 Plat D/81 Q-396958, no contact. Location 3 Plat Q-418978. They rec'd some S/A fire from 2 or 3 enemy soldiers who they believe took off to the North.	C/O 81	1st Plat D/81
1450	Bulk cognac at \$1.50 per litre is available, one litre per officer through Special Service at Warehouse in PRALA. Must be procured before tomorrow night (29). Furnish own bottles.	S3, CCB	C/O 13

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DATE: 28 September 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1800	Location 3 Flat D/81 is Q-412984.	D/81	SS, 15
1840	Same as above.	SS, 15	C/C B
1842	Location 2 Flat at 1450 was Q-373986	D/81	SS, 15
1810	Same as above.	SS, 15	C/O B
1837	Our RT was Q-373986 at 1450. Fell back slightly for communications.	2 Flat D/81	CO, D/81
1840	For demonstration purposes to visitors of IV Corps CP at 1800 hrs 28 Sept 1944, send detail with 1 Lt M-7, 1 Lt Tk, 1 M-7 A/G, 1 Arm'd Car, 5 suits coveralls. Detail will report to Capt Frost IV Corps fwd CP at 1800 hrs 29 Sept. Complete vehicular crews need not attend.	C/C B	SS, 15
1855	Save show for the whole bunch. We'll be detained about another half hour.	Bn Co, 15 Tk Bn	SS, 15
1725	Position of our CP at 1700 is Q-430989.	D/81	CO, 15
1730	You will dispatch one Arm'd Car to arrive this Bn at 290700. The crew will have clean coveralls and be prepared to demonstrate for IV corps officials. We will allow them sufficient time to police the vehicle prior to demonstration.	SS, 15	CO, D/81
1750	You will dispatch one M-5 to this Hqs 290700. The crew will be clean as possible. This is a demonstration for IV Corps. We will allow the crew sufficient time to clean the vehicle.	SS, 15	CO, D/15
1830	Instructions rec'd from Col. Dewey: Patrol only for security. Run areas via MONTECATINI for entire Bn and attachments.	Brown	Col. Gardiner
1832	You will not move out as scheduled. Consolidate your Company and await further orders.	SS, 15	CO, D/15
1844	Assemble your Co in present location tomorrow morning and prepare to move via MONTECATINI. Patrol missions are cancelled. Patrol only for local security.	SS, 15	CO, D/81
1800	Are remaining in SERRA tonight.	D/15	SS, 15
1850	Tomorrow's program has been cancelled due to change. You will assemble your unit tomorrow morning via this CP and await further orders.	SS, 15	CO, Flat A/16

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DATE: 28 September 1944 (Cont).

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1830	Program for tomorrow has been cancelled due to changes. Assemble your unit where you were this morning and await further orders.	SS, 15	CG, D/81
1830	Tomorrows program has been cancelled. You will assemble your unit for movement tomorrow morning and await further orders.	SS, 15	CG, A/88
1900	Program for tomorrow is cancelled due to changes. You will assemble your Co tomorrow morning and await further orders. Patrol only for local security.	SS, 15	CG, D/13
2056	In re to msg 1830, it is impossible for me to comply with msg. I can not move.	CG, D/81	SS, 15
2100	Assemble your unit in present area after day light.	SS, 15	CG D/13
2110	Sunray of 1/81 will meet Sunray of C/O B at Q-404828 at 0845 hrs 29 Sept.	C/O B	CG, 15
2206	Same as above.	CG, 15	CG, D/81
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0700	Dispatch a bivouac party to this CP immediately.	SS, 15	CG, D/81
0715	Have you any estimate when we might move?	SS, 15	C/O B
0730	Re msg 0715, instructions will follow later.	SS, C/CB	SS, 15
0810	What info do you have regarding demontestation.	SS, 15	LO at CCB
0845	Assemble your unit when relief arrives.	CCB	CG, 15
0915	The outfit that was to move up on your right yesterday is now taking over your sector. You will move when they have taken over.	C/O B	CG 15
0920	We are moving at once. Order of March: "D" Co, Engrs, Bn Bq group, Bn.	CG 15	C/O B
0922	Tell your Sunray to move out immediately.	CG 15	2nd D/13
0925	Capt Deal will contact Engrs and have them assemble and move out as soon as "D" Co clears. He will stop off at Bn and alert them. They will move about 1100 hrs.	CG 15	Engrs & Bn/81.
0928	We will move about 1030 hours.	CG 15	CG, Bq Cq.
0928	Can you give us location of IV Corps C.P.?	Ser/15	CG, 15
1046	To above message: No.	CG, 15	Ser/15

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DATE: 29 September 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1050	A meeting of all units and separate organizations S-4 will be held at 1430 hrs 29 Sept 1944 at club MONTEGATINI.	C/OB	CQ,13
1245	Opened New C.P. via Q-41828, closed 1245A		Verbal
1245	Same as above.	SS,13	C/C B
1310	We moved out at 1305.	CQ,D/81	CQ,13
1535	Closed in bivouac 1500 hrs Q-41828.	CQ,D/81	CQ,13
1600	Location C/C B (Hotel Metropoli) 3/4 blocks north of Officers Club.		Verbal Capt Weiter, C/C B
1605	Unit C.O. responsible for picking up all ammunition left on ground in sectors that they were in. Did you leave ammo at 398887?	S3,C/GB	CQ,13
1615	Billeting officers will report to this HQ at 0930 hrs 30 Sept 1944.	S3,C/GB	SS,13
1630	Draw Officers and EM pay 1100 hrs at Div Finance Officer located at 1st A.D. Trains South of PRATO.	C/OB	CQ,13
1635	EM Pay will be drawn 1100 hrs tomorrow at Div Trains location PRATO. "A" Co will furnish a 3/4 ton truck, agent Finance Officers will assemble at "A" Co 13th 0900 hrs tomorrow.	SS,13	All Cos
1745	There will be a unit commanders meeting at C/GB Hqs in MONTEGATINI at 0830 30 Sept 44. Commanders will be prepared to discuss the problems concerning their unit, especially supply problems.	SS,C/GB	SS,13
30 September 1944.			
0745	Effective 0900 30 Sept 44, Mor. plat 15th Tk Bn is attached to Brit 74 LAA Bgt.	SS,C/GB	SS,13
0745	Effective 0900 30 Sept 44, A/G Mat 13th Tk Bn is attached to 68 FA Bn. In addition to handling the A/G plat tactically, 68th FA Bn will handle administration also.	SS,C/GB	SS,13
0745	Effective 0900 30 Sept, 13th Tk Bn will attach to "A" Co. 16th Engrs one T-2 and tank repair crew.	SS,C/GB	SS,13
0850	Same as above	SS,13	SS,13
1040	Effective 0930 hrs 30 Sept 44, "D" Trp 81 Cav Bn Sqdn is detached from 13th Tk Bn and reverts to C/C B Control.	C/C B	SS,13
1200	Disregard msg 1040 detaching D/81.	C/GB	CQ,13

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DATE: 30 September 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>Message</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1200	S3 Report will be submitted by 2200 and will cover period 2000 to 2000 as of this date.	C/C B	S3, 15
1305	Div Storage Warehouse now located PRATO, Q-678819 38 Via Daigi, Prochea.	G4, Div	S5, 15
1305	Overlay of road net rec'd.	GQ, 15	C/C B
1600	P.O. No 15 and March Order No 5 rec'd	GQ, 15	GQ, C/CB
1630	You will join C/C B early tomorrow morning; they are located at H220 at Q-525887.	S3, C/CB	GQ, 15
1800	A Co returned to B Control.	D/C B	HQ, 15
1940	The above companies will have the following number of men at "D" Co at 0700 hrs to act as litter bearers: "A" Co- 2 men; "B" Co- 2 men; Ser Co- 4 men. These men will report to Capt. Merrill.	GQ, 15	"A", "B" Ser Cos/15

HEAD QUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
APO, 251, U. S. Army

RJL/ebf.

4 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Decorations and Awards.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

Listed below are the awards and decorations received
by members of this organization during the period 1 September 1944
through 30 September 1944.

SILVER STAR

Captain Frank B. Clay O-24987 GO #85, HQ 1st AD c.s.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT J. LOE,
1st Lt., 13th Tk. Bn.,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
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4 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Battle Casualty Report.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

Listed below are the battle casualties of this organization during the period 1 September 1944, through 30 September 1944:

Pvt. Lawrence W. Fowler, 37816151 LWA EW August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT J. LGE,
1st Lt., 13th Tk. Bn.,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander,
A.P.O.#1, V.S. Army.

In the Field,
30 September 1944.

MARCH ORDER)
NUMBER: 3)

1. 2. C/C "B" Marches at 01000 October via BONGHATIKI, VICTORIA to assembly area N and E of VICTORIA. See Overlay.

2. This Battalion marches at 01000 October.

No.	March Unit:	March Unit	IT C-48934	Destination	
				ARRIVE	DEPART
	2d Bn & HQ Co	2	0800	0800	0800
	"A" Company	15	1000	1100	1100
	"B" Company	14	1020	1100	1100
	"C" Company	16	1040	1100	1100
	"D" Company	18	1100	1100	1100
	Service Company	17	1100	1100	1100

1. Rate of March: Maximum speed leading vehicle of each march unit 15 MPH. Minimum 12 MPH.

2. Distances between vehicles: 20 yds. In case of traffic congestion, march units will maintain distance of 200 yds. Head of each march unit will march 1/2 at 20 min intervals, i.e., march unit #1: 0800, #2: 0820, #3: 0700 etc.

3. Water: None scheduled.

4. Traffic Control: Unit responsibility. Let AD MPH will be posted as indicated on overlay.

5. March units will be approx 25 vehicles each.

6. Convoy No. XE-M-678 will be plainly printed on front end caps of each vehicle.

7. Let AD instructions relative marches will be strictly adhered to.

8. Uniforms, Coveralls and steel helmets or tank helmets.

9. Units will report time of closing in new areas to this headquarters via C.O. "A" Company.

10. C.O. "A" Company is designated C.O. of march units 14-17.

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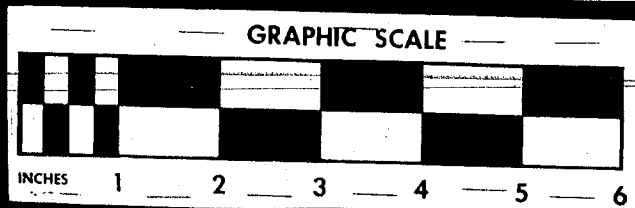
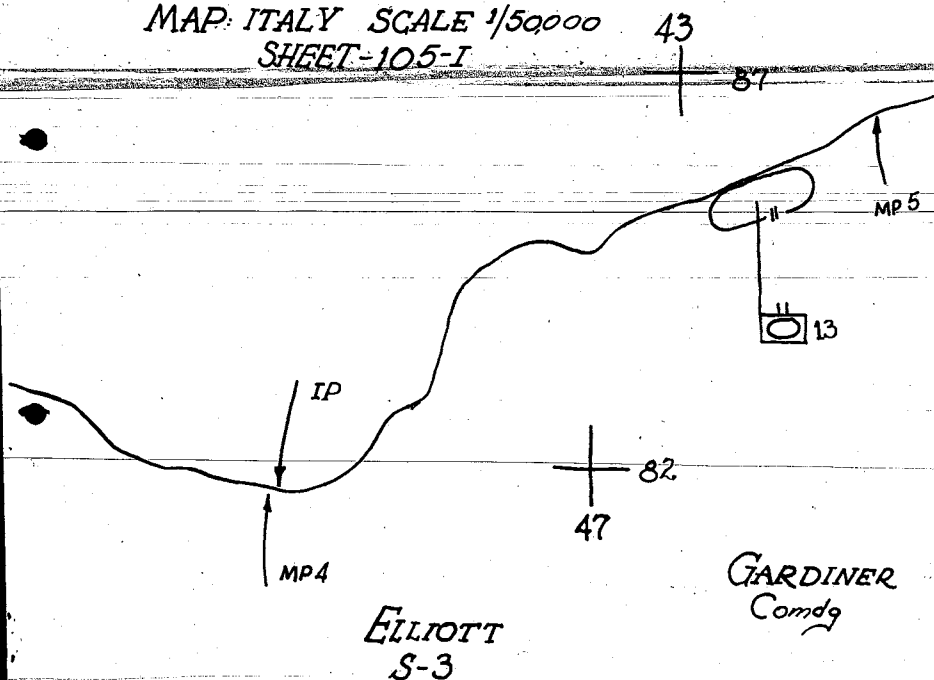
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In the Field,
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SUBJECT: Report of Activities

TO : O.G. 1st U.S. Armored Division

1. Report called for in Paragraph 4, Headquarters 1st A.D., A.G. 314.7, subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, dated 6 November 1943 and Section II, Bulletin #4, dated 30 November 1943 and Section I, Bulletin #6, dated 11 January 1944, is herewith submitted.

For the Battalion Commander,

Kenneth M. Deal
KENNETH M. DEAL,
Capt., 13th Tank Battalion,
Asst. S-3.

Incls:

- Incl 1 - Report of Activities.
- Incl 2 - Copy of 13th Tank Battalion Journal.
- Incl 3 - Copy of Decorations and Awards.
- Incl 4 - Copy of Battle Casualties.
- Incl 5 - Plan Partisan.
- Incl 6 - Plan for Establishment of Forward Line.

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Office of the Battalion Commander
A.P.O. 251, U.S. Army

In the Field,
6 November 1944.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

1 October-31 October 1944.

At the beginning of the period the Battalion C.P. moved to vicinity COLLINA, ITALY at Q-541978, with "D" Troop, 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron attached. "A", "B", "C", "D" and Service Companies, with part of Hq. Co. 13th Tank Battalion were still on the southern side of the mountains at Q-496957, Q-498862, Q-486857, Q-492867, Q-493852, Q-493853, respectively. Patrols sent out by "D" Troop, 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron made no contact with enemy, but met difficulty in passing demolitions. Reconnaissance Platoon, 13th Tank Battalion and a battery of 186th LAA (British) assisted in these missions. Engineer elements from 16th Engineer Battalion and 235th Engineer Battalion, assisted by Partisan elements, were hard at work making bridges and by-passes to permit vehicular traffic to push on along Route 64. Bad weather hindered operations considerably.

At 1200A hrs 4 October 1944 an attack was made on BORGIO CAPANNE by Reconnaissance Platoon, 13th Tank Battalion and "D" Troop, 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. The town was secured by 1330A hours and patrols pushed forward to PORRETTA TERME (L-584120) and CASTELDUOGO (L-543117) without making enemy contact, but finding many demolitions.

"D" Troop, 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron was detached from 13th Tank Battalion (Task Force Gardiner) at 0600A hrs 5 October and the company from 186th LAA (British) detached at 0900A hrs the same day. Reconnaissance was sent out to locate an assembly area for the Battalion in the vicinity of PORRETTA TERME.

The Battalion C.P. moved on 7 October 1944 to L-604080 at BAVANNE. During this period the line companies were still in bivouac near PISTOIA, catching up on maintenance, cleaning up, and looking for a range for tank firing. On the evening of the 7 October, word was received that the Battalion should organize an infantry company, using the personnel from two medium tank companies, with the possibility that the 11th Infantry Battalion might be withdrawn. This infantry company was formed on paper with Captain Frank B. Clay in command. However, it was not found necessary to use this company and at 2130A hrs 8 October the plan was dropped. At 2132A hrs the training schedule went in effect.

On the 10th of October, "D" Company, 13th Tank Battalion moved up the mountain to vicinity FONTE DELLE VENTURINA (L-592088) to be used in conjunction with 11th Infantry Battalion for an attack on BOSSIANA. "C" Company, 13th Tank Battalion moved 12 October first to an initial assembly area near

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PAVIANI, then on to a new area vicinity L-564123, where they went into position to fire in support of proposed attack on BOMBIANA. At 1900A hrs 12 October, the Battalion C.P. moved from PAVIANI to new location near VENTURINA at L-591088.

On the morning of 13 October, "D" Company 13th Tank Battalion plus 1 platoon of "G" Company 13th Tank Battalion were attached to 11th Infantry Battalion and jumped off to attack BOMBIANA. At 0930A hrs the Battalion was made responsible for protection of PORRETTA TRINCE, area to south, and left flank of Combat Command "B". "B" Company, 13th Tank Battalion moved up the mountain the same day and went into position near PORRETTA at L-578113, taking over the defense of the town. "A" Company, 13th Tank Battalion, joined the Battalion on 14 October, going into bivouac at L-602083, with the company C.P. at L-603079.

The situation remained static with normal patrols proceeding beyond our positions, reconnaissance missions for possible firing positions, and feeling out the enemy. Enemy artillery continually harassed the bridges at PORRETTA and SILLA with little effect except to hasten the flow of traffic. On 17 October, the Battalion C.P. moved from PORRETTA to L-580131.

On 18 October, "B" Company, 13th Tank Battalion, in conjunction with 11th Infantry occupied MARANO and established a defensive line covering Highway 64 as far as that town. No enemy resistance was met except for a little scattered light artillery fire.

Threat of a possible heavy counter-attack from North or Northwest led to formulation of Plan PARTISAN on 19 October and reconnaissance was made for ford routes and firing positions.

The Assault Gun Platoon, which had been attached to 68th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, was returned to control of 13th Tank Battalion at 1200A hrs 24 October and moved to L-575118. "G" Company 13th Tank Battalion moved from L-565125 to L-583119 on 27 October and 3/24 AF Battery (British) moved into the position formerly occupied by "G" Company. 3/24 AF Battery was attached to 13th Tank Battalion for fire control. The 13th Tank Battalion established a fire direction center and took over direct artillery support for the 2/370th Infantry Regiment with the battalion assault guns and 3/24 AF Battery as firing batteries.

"G" Company 13th Tank Battalion moved into firing positions at L-640186 on 28 October to support attack of Combat Command "B" on CASTELNUOVO on the 29th October. In this operation, 1 platoon of "B" Company 13th Tank Battalion was attached to "D" Troop, 51st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron and 1 platoon of "B" Company 13th Tank Battalion was attached to 11th Infantry Battalion. 1 platoon of "D" Company, 13th Tank Battalion was also attached to 11th Infantry Battalion, the remaining two platoons maintaining a reserve position. "A" Company, 13th Tank Battalion made a feint along Highway 64 toward CASTELNUOVO to mislead the enemy into believing the attack was coming from that direction. The company established positions along Highway 64 enabling them to shoot direct fire at CASTELNUOVO. Enemy reaction consisted of light intermittent artillery fire which caused no damage to the tanks. The Battalion C.P. moved to NICOLA, L-645198, leaving a rear C.P. and fire direction center at the former location vicinity L-580131. After attack had started, another platoon of "D" Company 13th Tank Battalion was attached to 11th Infantry Battalion.

The positions occupied by the various units of the Battalion were maintained until the close of the period. Enemy artillery was intermittent, with "C" Company 13th Tank Battalion receiving several heavy concentrations resulting in one man killed, one officer and two enlisted men wounded.

During this period, 1 October to 31 October, the Battalion, under the command of Combat Command "B", moved from South of the mountains, over the highest pass and along Highway 64 to L-645206 just beyond NIOLA. Enemy reactions at the beginning of the period was confined to extensive demolitions. In the latter half of the period, enemy artillery was active, interdicting lines of communications and firing some counter-battery. The Battalion was maintaining defensive positions when the period ended.

For the Battalion Commander,

George W. Williams
GEORGE W. WILLIAMS
Major, 13th Tank Battalion,
Executive Officer.

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13th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 1 October 1944.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0850	CP moved out at 8504A, travelled 21.1 mi. CP now located at Q-541980, 1032 meters above sea level. Closed 0815A.	Verbal Maj Elliott	
0850	Location new CP, Q-541980. Closed 0815A.	S/S, 13th	C/GB
1007	CP now located Q-541979.	same	same
1010	Closed CP at Q-553954 at 1000A.	D/81st	S/S, 13th.
1540	Forward elements at Q-527013, patrol proceeding.	D/81st	CO/13th
1710	Patrol at L-550045 has returned at 1800A. No contact with enemy. No friendly contacts. Demolition blast at L-552018. L-554013, L-554041. No mines.	same	same
1730	Above message phoned in to C/GB, S/S.	Verbal	
1730	Companies closed in new locations as follows: A/13 - Q-498857 - closed 1100A hrs. B/13 - Q-498868 - closed 1115A hrs. C/13 - Q-488867 - closed 1132A hrs. D/13 - Q-498867 - closed 1140A hrs.	Capt. Batts A/13th CO, Rn Br.	Maj. Williams
1846	Guns are located at Q-555958; CP is at 553968.	Lt. Galloway, 14/4th.	CO/13th
1915	Gardiner Force is to establish itself at 860047 until 11th Inf reaches TARVIANO L-600060, at which time it is to move to GEMMAGLIONE. Both forces will then move on their respective objectives at the same time. 11th Inf now at 005 and expect to go to at least 02 tomorrow.	S/S, CGB	CO/13th
2000	Inform Seagull and Starlight that their plans for tomorrow have been cancelled. Sorry!	CO/13th	CO/Serv.
2030	FF 92 desires to make contact with element of D/81st. They will send a patrol to L-530017, motorized if possible, dismounted if not. Time of arrival at this point is not known.	C/GB	CO/13th
8 October 1944.			
0900	You will pick up the baggage that is stored at abse. The men have stuff stored they must have.	Exec. Off	S/S, 13th
0900	Units will render situation reports at 0800A, 1000A, 1400A, 1700A, 2200A hrs daily, at least negative.	S/S, C/GB	S/S, 13th
0925	Same as above.	S/S, 13th 186 Btry, 741AA	D/81st
1011	Nothing to Report.	D/81st	CO/13th
1020	Nothing to Report.	186 LAA	CO/13th

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15TH TANK BATTALION

DATE: 2 October 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1410	Nothing to Report.	D/81st	CG/15th
1030	Numerous vehicular accidents have occurred where the vehicles involved have been evacuated without any possibility of immediate replacement. Continued accidents will soon materially affect combat operations. Unit and lower commanders will instruct all drivers of vehicles and all officers that maximum road speeds for all vehicles will not be exceeded and will be used only when required. Otherwise all vehicles will be driven at a speed consistent with safety and the requirements of minimum maintenance. Officers riding in vehicles will be held responsible for the speed of the vehicle in which riding. Military Police will establish traffic posts and will report violations of these instructions to this headquarters for action.	CG/CGE	CG/15th
1600	Same as above.	CG/15th	All Cos D/81st
1600	It seems that the C.G. wants us to do some direct firing of tanks. Tomorrow will you look around in that vicinity and see if you can find a range?	CG/15th	CG/4, 15th
1600	The allocation for ammo for the next 10-day period is as follows: 76mm HE - - 10,206 rounds; 76mm HE - - 23,000 rounds; 75mm SMOKE - 4,500 rounds; There is an allocation of 32,500 rounds of 105 HE to C/CB of which we will get our proportionate share.	S/3, 15th	S/4, 15th
1640	1st Plt D/81st Cav Bn Sqda closed at 567058 at 1300A, will remain there.	CG/D, 81st	CG/15th
1640	D/81st made contact with 370th at 550015 at 1205	CG/15th	CG/CGE
1640	Patrol left at 0700A hrs and proceeded to 562051, returned and closed at 1500A. Road impassable due to demolitions at 562051. No enemy contact, no mines.	CG/D, 81st	CG, 15th
1930	Road at Q-522932 will be blocked from 2300A 2 Oct to approx 0100A 3 Oct for Engineer construction by 236th Engrs. Forward route via COLLINA, Q-542981 will be closed from 0830A to 1200A 3 Oct and from 2100A to 0600A 3 & 4 Oct.	CG/CGE	CG/15th
2130	Master BlueBell of Bn Co, 15th Tk Bn, not to leave area tomorrow before our L.O. (Lt. Brown) reaches there.	CG/15th	CG/Serv.
2130	Received Operations Instructions NO.2.		Verbal.

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15th TANK BATTALION.

DATE: 3 October 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0830	Due to shortage of transportation, can you transport gasoline for A/15th?	S-3/COB	Exec. 15th
0851	Yes, we can do it.	Exec. 15th	S-3/COB
0910	Our requirements for today of gasoline will be 500 gal. Deliver to our C.P. at COLLINA.	CO/15th	S-2/15th
0920	Monthly "Lessons Learned" Report due this Hq by 2000A 6 October.	S-3/15th	All Cos/15
1000	Send 500 gal. gasoline to C.P. A/15th Hqrs located THIELINA and to get gasoline for 2-7-15th. Is it in time that the truck can return to you before dark.	S-2/15th	CO/Ser Co
1045	C.P. 1st Plt at 557057, patrol went to L-565077 by main road and returned by trail over hill 757. Demolitions at L-574074; rubble on main section, no contact, no mines; Pan Patrol today to L-565077, L-576084 and L-594089. Italians report German Patrol at L-544117.	CO/D-51	CO/TFG
1100	Corrections on overlay for S-3 Periodic report as of 2000A 2 Oct 44: Upper left co-ordinate and lower right co-ordinates should read; Q-6199 and Q-6190 respectively.	C/C B	CF/15th
1530	Personnel visiting PISTOIA will do so without arms and with proper pass signed by unit commander.	C/O B	CO/15th
1400	Same as above.	S-3/15th	All Cos/15
1610	1st Plt D/31st C.P. at L-566075; made Run from L-566075 to L-583084, 594089, 600088, 600090 and returned. Plt 186 LIA made Run from L-570080 up road to L-594889, down road to TAVIANO to L-564008 and returned to their C.P., closed 1700A. Road from L-592015 to L-594089 is being worked on by Italians and will be open for peep traffic 4 Oct. Demolitions at L-583084, 585088. Civilians working on by-pass at L-599089.	Col. Gardiner	S-3/15th

4 October 1944

0930	Jump-off at noon for objective (BORGO CAMPANI), 11th Inf Bn receiving some instructions, road through to TAVIANO will be completed for vehicles by that time. We are responsible for contacting 11th Inf on their objective and co-ordinating defense of that sector.	C/O B	Capt. Merrill
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15th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 4 October 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0955	British being relieved from our control at 0900A hrs tomorrow morning; their reconnaissance program and planning called off. We will move the whole platoon of D/81st from present location at L-560075 to objective; Troop will move up later. We will comply with above instructions.	CQ/15th	Capt. s Gleason & Merrill
1350	Run Pit of Hq. Co and 1 pit of D/81st secured BORGIO CAPARNE (L-580098) at 1600A. 1st Pit D/81st sent patrol to PORRETTA, reported town clear, patrol continued to CASTELLEDICIO (L-584117). 1st Pit D/81st reported railroad from L-594089 to PORRETTA (L-584117) could be used for traffic. 1st Pit D/81st returned to L-580098, closed at 1800A. No Contact.	Captain Merrill	2-3/15th
1710	"D" Troop 81st Cav Rm Sqdn is relieved from TFG control at 06000 Oct 44. One Pit D/81st is to move to MONEGHE (L-584124) from BORGIO CAPARNE. Hq. 64 will be open to PORRETTA on 5 Oct. D/81st is to move vehicles and equipment as far up road as possible to MONEGHE if possible.	Col. Dewey C/C B	Captain Merrill
1710	15th Tk Bn is to reconnoiter with a patrol from 11th Inf for a Bn assembly area via PORRETTA, to start morning of 5 Oct and plan to move 15th Tk Bn in via. Reconnoiter for 11th Armd Inf will move into PORRETTA morning of 5 Oct.	Col. Dewey C/C B	Captain Merrill
1745	All companies move morning of 6 Oct to assembly area via. PORRETTA TROOP. Range has been approved and may be used if all safety precautions are observed. Col. Gardiner does not think it should be used unless necessary.	2-3/15th	All Cos
1900	Light Line on Hwy 6 is Q-498985 and L-584000.	2-3/15th	2-3/15th
5 October 1944.			
0720	Bypass around bridge site at L-565007 was completed at 0620A, passable to all types of traffic.	C/C B	2-3/15th
6 October 1944			
1045	Effective 7 Oct units will draw from following installations: Army Class I dump Q-5-41 at Q-770728, Army Class II and IV dump Q-5-46 at Q-775724, Army Class III dump Q-5-46 at Q-600771, Army Class V dump ASP 64-18 at Q-671808.	C/C B	2-3/15th
1050	Same as above.	2-3/15th	2-4/15th

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DATE: 7 October 1944

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1140	C.P. closed U-541978 at 0845A. Opened new C.P. At L-602080, closed at 1155A.		Verbal
1145	Same as above	S-3/15th	C/O B
1505	C.P. located at L-602084.	C/C B	S-3/15th
1845	Training schedule will start Monday. Plt Ldrs can brush up a little tomorrow. Lt. Dahme (Hq Co) will report to you after breakfast.	S-3/15th	CO/15th Rear, Maj. Williams
1915	Correction on msg 1505A; should read, Location L-602085.	C/O B	S-3/15th
2010	You will form out of two medium companies one Infantry Company of 100 men. You will have a force composed of one Inf. Co and 1 Mortar Platoon. It is rumored the 11th Inf will be pulled out of this sector and the 6th S.A.Div asked us what we can hold this sector with. The above organization will not interfere with your present training program, but they may be called on a six-hour notice.	Col. Ross C/O G/B	S-3/15th

8 October 1944

0750 We have been ordered to form an Inf Co from two Medium Tanks Cos. Looks like the 11th Inf will be pulled out and we will have to take over the sector. Attached is the organization proposed:

ORGANIZATION OF INFANTRY COMPANY

G.O.: Capt Clay, Exec Off; Lt. Warner; 1st Plat: Lt. Gaylard;
2nd Plat: Lt. Loinsman; 3rd Plat: Lt Page.

The Company will have three platoons of three squads and a Company Headquarters. Platoons will be organized as follows:

Plat Sgt (S/Sgt)	1	} Each Sqd will have 11 men & 1 Sgt. Each Sqd will have a Lt M/G Sect (2 guns) Plat Strength will be 37 men plus runners and medics.
Sqd Ldrs (Sgt.)	3	
Messengers	2	
Lt M/Gs	6	
SGR radio	1	
Medics	2	

Company headquarters will be organized as follows:

1st Sgt	1	} One kitchen instact will be attached to the Company if situation permits. Two litter teams will be assigned to the Co and may be composed of Partisans (12 men).
Clerk	1	
Comm. Sgt	1	
Wire Patrolmen	2	
Armorers	2	

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15th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 8 October 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0730	(Continued: <u>Organization of Infantry Company.</u>)		

Following is a list of men and equipment to be supplied as indicated:
 1st Plt (Entire); "C" Co; 2nd Plt (Entire); "B" Co.
 3rd Plt; 18 men (2 Sgts) from "C" Co; 19 men (1Sgt 1 S/Sgt) from "B" Co.
 9 LMGs from "B" Co, 9 LMGs from "C" Co, 3 LMGs from "D" Co, and 6 LMGs
 from Hqs Co.
 6 Medics from Med. Sect; 5 Litter Bearers from "A" Co.
 6 Hummers from Ser Co, 2 Miramas from Ser Co.
 5 509 Radios: 1 from "B" Co, 1 from "C" Co, 3 from Hqs Co.

1520	The Organization of that Inf. Co will take priority over everything else you are doing. I may call on you tomorrow morning, if not in the morning, then certainly some time later.	Col Dewey CO, C/CB	Maj. Elliott S-3/15th
2130	The 15th Tk Bn Inf Co alert is off. Looks like the 11th Inf will be relieved but will be replaced by another outfit.	CO, C/CB	S-3/15th
2132	Alert has been called off.	S-3/15th	Capt Clay
2132	Training schedule goes into effect.	Maj Williams	S-3/15th

9 October 1944

Nothing to Report

10 October 1944

0920	"D" Co will start to move up the mountain right after CO/15th lunch. Capt Madberg will come ahead. Guides will pick up Company at Hq. Will bivouac near VENTURINO. Lt tanks may be employed soon in conjunction with Inf plan to move on BOMBIANA. Ser Co can start moving onto to prearranged location up here.	Capt Deal	Maj Williams CO/15th Rear
0930	Above msg.	Capt Deal	Maj Williams CO/15th Rear
1600	"D" Co 15th Tk Bn closed in new area (L-592086) at 1550 hours.	CO, D/15	CO/15th

11 October 1944

0615	Move 1 Tk Co into positions on the CASTELNUOVO road West of FORETTA TERRE (L-593117), Mission, direct fire support of our forward elements.	CO/CCB	CO/15th
0615	Send Officer from Lt Tk Co (D Co) on Run of forward area taking advantage of CPs for terrain study of area thru which we will move.	CO/COB	CO/15th
0900	Move "U" Co complete with kitchen 120700A Oct 44 to positions on CASTELNUOVO Road W of FORETTA TERRE.	CO/15th	Maj Williams C.O. Rear.

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13th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 11 October 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0900	(Continued) Mission; direct fire support of our forward elements. 1 Officer from "C" Co to report here this afternoon to Rm subject road for Blvovac Area. Guides for the move will be furnished by the Rm Plt from Bn C.P. forward.		
1300	"C" Co is firing 75mm today. "A" and "B" sub-calibre today and 75 and 75 tomorrow.	Maj. Williams	3-3/13
12 October 1944.			
1030	Aq/13 closed via L-593051 at 1000A hrs, attached to 68th F.A.Bn at 1200A.	3-3/13	3-3/CCB
1030	C/13 moved from present area (Q-485857) at 0700A, closed into initial assembly area Vio TEVIANA at 1000A.	3-3/13	3-3/CCB
1330	Unit Commanders Meeting at 11th Inf CP at 1530A.	3-3/CCB	3-3/13
1245	Vehicular First Aid kits will be checked for completeness and requisitions to fill shortages submitted immediately.	3-3/13	CG/0°Cc
1245	Your 3-105 and crew will be attached effective 1200A today to 68th F.A.BN, "U" Btry, for rations and duty. Will you adjust your morning report accordingly?	3-3/13	CG/0°Cc
1245	(1) Assault Gms attached to "U"/68th F.A. Bn. (2) All companies will check their first aid kits (vehicular) for completeness and requisition to fill any shortages.	3-3/13	Exec/13
1510	A.G. Platoon located at approx L-826123.	3-3/88 FA	3-3/13
1940	Bn Hq Group closed Vio L-604080 (Pavana) at 1830A, opened new C.P. at 1900A at L-591088.	3-3/13	3-3/CCB
1950	C/13 closed at forward assembly area L-588108 at 1950A awaiting completion of bridge.	Capt Clay	3-3/13
13 October 1944			
0020	"C" Co closed in new area Vio L-864123 at 2330A.	Capt Clay	3-3/13
0020	Same as above.	3-3/13	3-3/CCB
0645	You are to have another Co of Tanks in this vic at 1800A You will also contemplate on having the other remaining Company in this Vic tomorrow. You are responsible for the protection of PORRETTA and South.	Col Wilder Col. Gardiner	

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15th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 13 October 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0700	Above Message enclosed. Enclosed is a copy of msg received at 0850A this morning. If you will send "B" Co up and have them stop just short of PAVANO, they can cook on the road there. By the time they get here, Col. Gardiner will be back and I'll know what he wants to do with them. PAVANO is our old C.P. location. We moved last night. We are now at L-591088, right next to where "D" Co CP was. Co "D" was attached to the 11th Inf for the jump-off to BOBBIANO this morning. Co "C" (minus 3rd Plt) is located at L-564123; they relieved D/81st last night. Their 3rd Plt is in the attack.	S-3/13	Major Williams
0700	Periodic reports submitted to this Hq will cover 24 hr period from 2000A to 2000A effective 2000A 12 Oct 44. Report to reach this Hq by 2400A.	S-3/COB	S-3/13
0850	Protection of PORRETTA TERME and area south and also left flank becomes your responsibility effective now.	Colonel Wilder	Colonel Gardiner
0858	Send Officer msgr up main axis to contact me.	CO/13	S-3/13
1050	3rd Plt C/13 at CORVELLA (L-582158).	S-3/13	S-3/COB
1050	Sent in report by radio of your situation and disposition.	S-3/13	CO/13
1050	Platoon on hill L-563135; Plat at L-565126; Plat at L-562122. Covering left flank and supporting attack exposed to enemy.	CO/0-13	CO/13
1200	"B" Co will be responsible for defence of PORRETTA tonight. Heat of Bn coming up tomorrow. This Hq and Serv Co will move into present 11th Inf C.P. in barrel factory in PORRETTA tomorrow if possible. Co "A" will move into this C.P. (L-591088)	Capt. Merrill	S-3/13
1400	All secure. NTR.	Ron Plt	S-3/13
1500	We would like to attach an emergency repair crew from "A" 123rd Ord. (3 or 4 vehicles and a few men) to your Serv. Co. until we can move the whole company (A/123) up.	Colonel Wilder	S-3/15th
1730	3 Plt C/13 closed in area L-586158 at 1300A.	Col. Gardiner	S-3/13
1730	Above msg.	S-3/13	S-3/COB
2220	N.T.R.	Ron Plt	S-3/13
2245	N.T.R.	S-3/13	S-3/COB

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13th TANK BATTALION

DATE, 14 October 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0800	N.T.R.	Men Pit	S-3/13
0845	C.P. "B" Co at L-578113, 1 Pit at L-580117. Others no change	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
1145	"A" Co closed 1125A at L-602083, GP "A" Co at L-603079.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
1200	10 shells landed in PORRETTA 1045-1145. Others NTR.	B/13	S-3/13
1215	Above msg.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
1415	Situation Report 141200 Oct. Company positions, no change, no activity, no shelling.	C/13	S-3/13
1640	N.T.R.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
1755	2 shells landed at 2nd Pit "B" Co, 3 shells landed at 1st Pit "B" Co.	B/13	S-3/13
1820	Above msg to C/CCB	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
2245	N.T.R.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
15 October 1944			
1000	45 rounds fell vic N.W. of SILLA at 0940.	B/13	S-3/13
1000	Above msg.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
1005	An moving my GP 600-600' yds N. to town of MOHEONE, L-583123. Will move at 1300A.	CQ/C/13	S-3/13
1007	7 rnds arty fell NW of SILLA between 0950-1000A	B/13	S-3/13
1010	Above msg.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
1045	N.T.R.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
1150	N.P. closed at 1500A today. New N.P. opens at 1800A today at L-588110.	CCB	CQ/13
1200	Above msg.	CQ/13	All units.
1200	12 rnds fell NW of SILLA between 1030-1100A	B/13	S-3/13
1200	Above msg.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
1700	C.P. "C" 13 now at L-563123. Others no change.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB

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DATE: 15 October 1944 (Cont.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1806	7 rnds landed NW of SILLA at 1645A. Also 14 rnds landed same area between 1700-1730A, 4 rnds same area between 1730-1755A.	B/13	CO/13
1815	Above msg.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
2245	N.T.R.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
16 October 1944			
0810	3 rnds NW of SILLA at 0745, 4 more at 0755.	B/13	S-3/13
0810	Above msg.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
0810	All companies will habitually carry 40 rnds of HE M54 in their basic load, distributed as follows: 5 rnds per Co Cmdr's Tank, 5 rnds per Smed Tank, 5 rnds per Plt Ldrs Tank, 5 rnds per Plt Sgts tank. Hq Co will carry 5 rnds per tank.	S-3/13	CO/All Cos plus S-4
0855	8 rnds fell NW of SILLA	B/13	S-3/13
0900	Abv msg.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
1120	Make Plan for possibility of placing either Light or Medium tanks in one or all of the following three positions: L-622181, L-814187, L-808181.	Major McCutcheon	Major Williams
1605	N.T.R.	Hon/13	S-3/13
1810	2 rnds landed NW of SILLA at 1814A.	B/13	S-3/13
2030	Our mortars will be attached to C/88 FA as of 1200A 17 Oct 44 for the purpose of outpostting G/88 and AG/13.	Major McCutcheon	Col Gardiner
2030	OO A/13 to make Plan of area 6116 with prospect of moving his company in that area to act as CCB reserve. We will probably supply a med. tank plat. to support inf. in MARAWO. Dismounted patrol went from SILLA to MARAWO without contact this morning.	Same	Same
2045	Abv msg.	S-3/13	CO/A-15
2245	N.T.R.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
17 October 1944			
0600	4 rnds fell via SILLA 0430A.	B/13	S-3/13
0805	Above msg.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB

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DATE: 17 October 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0645	Nothing to Report.	S-3/13	S-3/COB
0800	Complete shell reports will be turned in to this Hq. immediately on all shells landing in your vicinity.	S-3/13	All Cos
1040	There will be a unit commander's meeting at 08 of 09 Co, 11th Inf at 1030 hrs today.	S-3/COB	S-3/13
1045	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/COB
1840	Closed CP L-592088 at 1750A. Opened CP L-580131 closed at 1830. (We are North of PORRETTA TERRE) Distance traveled to see U.S. S-3 line.		Verbal
1910	C.P. now located at L-580131, closed at 1830A.	S-3/13	S-3/COB
2050	D-Day will be Oct 19. This is advance notice, we are making the plans now.	Major McChutechom	Major Williams
2130	6 rounds fell NW of SILLA at 2100A hrs.	B/13	S-3/13
2245	Same as above.	S-3/13	S-3/COB
18 October 1944			
1140	C.P. this Hq opened at L-580118 at 1100A (PORRETTA)	S-3/COB	S-3/13
1150	Nothing to Report.	Ron/13	S-3/13
0900	3rd Plt B/13 moved from L-585113 to L-585115, closed 0850A hrs.		Verbal
2015	Move at 0630 and wait 15 minutes at the 60' line.	S-3/COB	S-3/13
2020	There has been a change in your movement, you will cross the bridge at 0530 and when you get to the 60 line wait 15 minutes. You will probably have to change the time for the relief with Capt. Butts (A/13) due to this change. Keep a radio watch, keep one receiver on 11th Inf, and one on ours.	Br. Off 13	Capt Parkan 13, B/CO
2030	We can't get our tanks into MORANO before daylight. We picked out an assembly area with defilade. We didn't want to move into town the same time you did, due to the artillery fire we might cause to come down when we bring our tanks up. We want to support you the best way we can. We wanted to arrange the time of the bridge crossing to co-ordinate with you people. Will you call back after you speak with Col Ripley (G/11) if our crossing time is satisfactory with him.	Exec/13	Maj. Phillips 11th Inf

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DATE: 19 October 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0705	Arrived at assembly area (L-618173) at 0630A	B/13	S-3/13
1050	Nothing to Report.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
1160	Request "B" Co Officers make Run of fords at L-824174 and L-820172 (1/50,000) and routes from fords to RIOLA-LAGO di SUIVIANA Road.	S-3/CCB	S-3/13
1320	2nd Plt A/13 closed L-579113 at 0415. 3rd Plt A/13 closed L-582138 at 0500A.		Verbal
1420	Make Run for direct fire positions astride SILLA-PORRETTA Road to cover any troops that may have to pull back to SILLA.	S-3/CCB	S-3/13
1425	We have notified 68th Field Arty ("C" Btry) to release Mortar Plat 15th at 1400A hrs. They should be on their way to join you.	S-3/CCB	Exec/13
1700	Mortar Platoon, 13th Tank Bn is attached to "D"/81st upon closing in "D" 81st Area (1800A)		Verbal
1810	Nothing to Report.	Run/13	S-3/13
1900	"B"/13 closed in new area at 1845 less 3rd Plat.	B/13	S-3/13
2000	Mortar Platoon closed in "D"/81st Area at 1745A.	D/81	S-3/13
2025	3rd Plat "B"/13 closed in new area at 2005A.	B/13	S-3/13
2350	C.P. A/13 at L-588085. 1st Plt "A"/13 at L-588085. C.P. B/13 at L-628191. C.P. C/13 at L-561125. 1st Plt C/13 at L-562131. 2nd Plt C/13 at L-556128	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
20 October 1944.			
0850	Plan PARTISAN delivered to C.P. by Lt. Brown, Liason Off.		
0855	Nothing to Report.	Run/13	S-3/13
0845	Nothing to Report.	S-3/13	S-3/CCB
1145	The Partisans are going to attack GAGGIO MONTANA at 1730A today. We will arrange some preparatory fires for them; they will attack in force.	D/81st	Exec/13
21 October 1944			
1400	LIZZANO, GABBA and GAGGIO-MONTANA are not occupied by the Germans.	Capt. Clay	Exec/13

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15th Tank Battalion

DATE: 22 October 1944 (Via. PORNETTA TERME)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1000	Judging from last month's venereal report and the evacuations so far in October listed as probable venereals, the boys of the 15th are living up to their motto of "It shall continue to be done". How would the Div view a policy within the 15th Tank Bn of not considering for rotation or furlough anyone contracting a venereal disease? Any such ruling would, of course, apply only to those cases developing after its promulgation.	Colonel Gardiner C/O 15	Colonel Howe C/S-1AD
1800	1st Plat A/15 and A/15 C.P. moved from L-588086 to L-887114, closing at 1830A.	A/15	S-3/15
23 October 1944	No Entry.		
24 October 1944			
0720	The raid that was scheduled has been called off by CCB, Col Ripley-Exec/15		
0920	The Germans are attacking GAGGIO-MONTANA according to Partisan Report. Your C/15 is alerted to keep look-out on this movement.	S-3/CCB	S-3/15
1030	Will you Ron for new gun positions for A/Gs 15th. We will be supporting the raid on your right and will probably have to pull some of our guns out to better positions.	C.O. 68th	Exec/15
1315	Move 1 gun of A/G Plat immediately to new positions for registration and to organize communications. Move guns by front route. Notify 68th FA when in position.	S-3/68th	Lt. Boucher
1730	A/Gs 15th moved from L-633148 at 1630A, closed vicinity L-5782188 at 1700A hrs.	A/G, 15	S-3/15
2100	Unit cmdr's meeting at RJ L-631162 at 1400A 25 Oct. Where possible, double up on transportation. Do not bring other members of staff, to keep down size of gathering.	C/O B	Exec/15
2145	A/Gs 15th will have their fire controlled and co-ordinated by the 68th FA and also be supplied ammo by them. In all other respects, they were returned to 15th as of 1200A hrs.	C/O B	Lt. Boucher

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DATE: 25 October 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1945	An engineer officer will be down at your O.P. at 0800A tomorrow. Bring one officer with you and be prepared to go on Res, will give you the details when you report here.	S-3/13	A/13
26 October 1944			
0830	Operations Instructions #2 25 Oct 0/0 B received.		
1805	1st Plt "D"/13th moved from L-585188 by infiltration starting at 1645 to L-588147, closing at 1800A and re-verting to 13th Tn RA control.	D/13	S-3/13
2025	Mortar Platoon closed 2015 A at L-580131.		Lt Oglesby S-3/13
27 October 1944.			
0910	Bridge at SIDLA will be closed for repairs for 1 hr from 0915 to 1015 and then opened for wheeled vehicles only, no tanks.	S-3/00B	S-3/13
0915	Same as above.	S-3/13	All Cos
1520	0/13 closed at L-583119 moved from L-565125, closed at 1430A.	0/13	S-3/13
1700	3/24 AT closed at 1700A at L-563123.	3/24	S-3/13
1800	We have taken over from the 68th RA as direct support for you. Call your request for fires in to us.	S-3/13	2/370
1845	2 Plts D/13 moved from vic L-585186 at 1730 to L-588147 closed at 1845A.	D/13	S-3/13
28 October 1944			
0920	Res/13 relieved from road block vic L-581092 at 0800A closed L-580131 at 0815A.	Res/13	S-3/13
1030	Bridge at MARLAND will be closed to traffic during day-light hours today.	S-3/00B	S-3/13
1045	Same as above.	S-3/13	All Cos.

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DATE: 28 October 1944 (Con't.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1230	Fire 4 rounds on concentration #2 which is crest of Mount Belvedere at 0500 A hrs tomorrow. This is the time for Belvedere Plan to go into effect. The Partisans will see the flashes and will jump off.	S-3/13	
1505	Message Center Peep hit and killed an Italian civilian this side of the showers (PORRETTA TERRE), Pickleshimer.	Ser/13	S-3/13
1400	1. Time of attack of Q/O B is changed from 0545 A to 0600 hrs 29 October 1944. 2a. Y.O. Para 3 is (1) attacks at 0600A. 3. Para 3 is (2) attacks at 0600A. b. Para 3 is (3) attacks at 0600A.	S-3/OGB	S-3/13
1835	Closed L-622176 at 1820A hrs. Moved 1715A from L-598113	A/13	S-3/13
2115	*O* Co closed in present area (L-640186) at 1920A.	Maj. Fulk	S-3/13
29 October 1944.			
Fwd G.P. 13th Tk Bn moved from Vic L-580131 at 0330; closed L-645198 at 0425A. Travelled 7.2 miles.			
0800	Flat A/13 is in position at L-665213 and are firing on CASTLENOVA.	00/13	S-3/OGB
0800	Flat A/13 at L-656202 have 2 tanks with thrown tracks.	00/13	S-3/OGB
0805	Plt B/13 at L-636217, Plt G/13 at L-636219. A counter-attack reported at L-636220.	S-3/OGB	00/13
0715	Lift fires on G-2 (L-638262) G-3 (L-63472192) and G-5 (L-63972200).	Exec/13	00/0-13 (Rear)
0730	Fire phase 'O' except sons's 2, 3, and 5.	Exec/13	00/0-13
0752	1st Plt D/81 at L-624208; 9 Plt D/81 at L-628207.	D/81	0/0 B
0755	We are being G.A. I see movement at my direct front.	1 plt/11	00/11
0800	Just received some S/A fire from front.	1/0/11	00/11
0810	One red flare from G-3 (L-63472192)	FO/11	Arty/10
0820	What is position of forward elements?	0/11	13/Rr

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DATE: 29 October 1944 (Com't).

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0825	Situation Normal here. Fwd elements receiving some small cal. mortar and med cal arty at intervals. Seems to come from directly over hill from our target.	A/13	CO/13 fwd
0830	Fwd elements at G-3 (L-63472192) lift fire on D-2 (L-6486 2197). Fire on G-611 (L62972177) and G-2 (L-63262210) 1 round per minute.	CO/13 Rr	O/13
0845	About 3 minutes ago friendly fire fell among some of our vehicles, check up and be sure they know who we are. The stuff seemed bigger than 75 or 76. Need a T-2 to help vehicles of 2nd Plt.	A/13	CO/13 fwd
0945	Friendly elements in VOLPARA	CO/13 fwd	O/13
1040	Any M/G at L-631221. Can you bring fire on it?	Exec(Rr)	O-13
1045	Still receiving lt mortar and med arty at intervals on fwd elements. Otherwise MFR.	A A/13	CO/13 fwd
1045	Friendly troops at G-2 (L-63262210). Enemy M/G in house at L-631221. Can you fire on it?	Rr/13	Fwd/13
1055	Will fire if possible.	Fwd/13	Rr/13
1118	We can not observe point L-631221 because of poor visibility. COB says we have friendly troops in CASTELACCO.	Fwd/13	Rr/13
0933	Location of fwd elements line L-656205 to L-668215.	A/13	Fwd/13
1140	Bridge is in. Traffic can proceed.	S-3/OCB	CO/13
1150	The SAAD who are firing under our control had 3 tanks firing now they have 9 tanks firing on CASTELNUOVO.	CO/13	S-3/OCB
1135	1 Plt of D/81 at L-624213 moving to L-624145.	O/O B	CO/13 fwd
1140	Any Plt at L-621211; our men meeting direct fire and S/A. D/81		S/O B
1155	Elements of D/81 are at Gons 610 (L-62592132)	3/O/11	CO/11
1155	1 Plt D/81 at L-623213. 3rd Plt D/81 at L-627212. Enemy at L-622214.	D/81	O/O B

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DATE: 29 October 1944(Cont.).

TIME:	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1212	1st Plt D/81 receiving S/A fire from L-623214.	D/81	COB
1230	PoW states reserve Co vic L-6020. 1 Hvy Mortar vicinity L-624214. Flare signals are 1 white; we are here; 1 red; enemy attacks; 3 red; tanks attack.	O/O B	All Units
1300	Can you fire across D-4, D-5, F-3, G-4 and U-5. We may ask you to harass them tonite with not more than 2 guns per conc.	OO/13	OO-0/13
1305	Fwd elements of O/11 at L-633220. No contact with B/Co.	11/Inf	O/O B
1315	PoW states mortar vic L-620215 and L-628218.	C/O B	All Units
1250	PoW states arty pieces vic L-613254. Last night Bn C.P. 1st Pietra Colona L-598220.	O/O B	A/16
1330	Did you receive a message that D/81 would need some help? Alert D/13 in event D/81 needs them.	S-3/COB	OO/13
1330	11th Armd Inf requests another element of D/13 to be alerted for call. The 11th will call for them through Rr/13 when they are wanted.	Rr/13	Fwd/13
1400	In an effort to get A/13 tank out which was stuck, both A & B Cos T-2s broke their winch cables and the cables are no longer usable. The tank which is badly bogged down is at L-656203 and is not under fire or observation. Believe out Maint. should take a look at this tank. Quiet here at C.P. and fire on forward platoon of A/13 has died down. May give O/13 harassing missions for the night which will require 300 rounds. No fire observed on C Co. No ammo required for A/13 tonight.	OO/13 Fwd Exec/13 Rr	
1345	26 PWs on way back.	D/81	O/O B
1400	White flare just went up in AFRICO.	D/81	O/O B
1400	Four white flares from AFRICO in last ten minutes.	D/81	O/O B
1335	Elements of 11th Armd Inf at G-2 (L-63262210) G-4, (L-63502244) moving toward G-5.	OO/11th	Arty FO
1440	PoW reports mortars vic L-614213.	O/O B	S-3/13
1448	Bay dug in position along road from semetry to AFRICA.	D/81	O/O B

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DATE: 29 October 1944 (Con't.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1500	2nd Plt is on way. Do you want Capt. Weinberg (D/13) to come up there.	D/13	00/13
1650	Harassing mission tonite. 60 rounds on each of following coms: D-4, D-5, F-3, spread out from 2000A to 0400A.	00/13	00/0-13
1645	Need 600 rounds M-48	0/13	Fwd/13
1745	We need 140 rnds 37 HE, 20 rnds cannister, 6000 rnds .30	D/13	Fwd/13
1750	Location D/13 (minus 2 plts) L-617174.	D/13	00/13
1800	B/11 at G-4 (L-6350224), G-2 (L-63262210) and 300 yds North of G-2 (L-63262210)	11 Inf	G/O B
1805	OP at L-630204.	D/81	G/O B
1850	For tomorrow: hold present positions and patrol toward AFFRICO.	G/O B	D/81
1930	Sgt. Spellman KIA, Lt. Werner & 2 EM KIA as result of counter battery, believed to have been mortar- from G/13.	Captain	00/13
2300	Pow Cage at L-588147. Fwd Coll Pt at L-627191.	13/Rr	13/Fwd
30 October 1944			
0545	I want you to tell SunRay that if he hasn't moved his people it won't be necessary to move more than half his people.	00/13	G/13
0645	Any mortar estd 81mm is firing from SANTA MARIA at 613216.D/81		G/O B
0730	Rr OP L-626198 (RIVA). Fwd OP L-624213 (VOLPARA)	D/81	G/O B
1020	Alert 1 Plt D/13. B/11 is receiving a counterattack. Some of their elements are surrounded.	B-3/00B	00/A-13 (in command)
1085	Alert 1 Plt. You will be on call to help repel counter-attack. Plt will be prepared to move to L-633220.	13/fwd	D/13
1055	Do not fire to right of 631 Easting.	13/fwd	G/13
1107	Same as above.	00/A-13	(SAAD)
1112	Can you inform me on the "No-Fire" right of 631 Easting.	Capt Butta	B-3/00B

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DATE: 30 October 1944 (Cont.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1120	Cease fire until further orders.	Capt Butts	BAAD
1122	Line of 11th Inf, L-631225, L-640225, L-645220, L-645215, L-631215, and L-631225.	S-3/00B	Capt Butts
1130	Do not fire at ROCCA PITIGLIANA	Fwd/13	O/13
1210	3 Germans at L-623207.	D/81	O/O B
1227	Any fire at L-622209, S/A fire.	D/81	O/O B
1330	I have a report that there are 10 men unidentified moving south at L-631499. Can you verify? Can Supply at this says that any report he could get would be unreliable.	O/O B	D/81
1450	Harassing missions for tonight: 50 rnds 2000A to 2400A on L-7 and 50 rnds on D-4 2400A to 0400A. That is a total of 50 rounds on each concentration.	O/O 13	O/O 13
1600	Send A/13 T-2 to A/123 Ord to pick up cable.	Serv/13	S-3/13
1925	Alert all personnel.		Verbal.
31 October 1944.			
0600	We want a report of your situation on every even hour during the night starting at 1800A hrs.	S-3/00B	O/O 13 fwd
0940	Patrol to L-623208, no any contact.	D/81	O/O B
1020	Plat of 370th Inf moving to vic. LASERRA (L-646205)	S-3/00B	Maj Fulk
1115	M/47 now has a cross country ambulance and can service Q/68, R/68 and Q/13.	Med/13	O/O 13
1130	Partisans report OP at chuseh (L-598221) S/P at L-601216 88 at L-598222, believed to be guns firing at RIOLA.	Med/13	S-3/13
1620	Westfield desires a Westfield Channel on O/13 Comd Tank.	Hq 13	S-3/13
1848	1 Plt 370 Inf closed 1630 vic LASERRA (L-646205) OP at L-646205. 32 men and 1 off.	1/370	S-3/13
2230	Nothing to Report.	S-3/13	O/O B

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION

Office of the Battalion Commander

APO 251, U. S. Army

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6 November 1944

SUBJECT: Awards and Decorations.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division, APO 251, U.S. Army.

The following members of this battalion received awards and decorations during the month of October 1944:

JOHN C. ELLIOTT, O-319341, Major, Cavalry.

Awarded Silver Star per Section III, General Order #166, Headquarters Fifth Army, 30 October 1944 for gallantry in action on 30 May 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT J. LOE
1st Lt., 13th Tk Bn.,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
APO 251, U. S. Army

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6 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Battle Casualty Report.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division, APO 251, U.S. Army.

The following listed members of this organization are the Battle Casualties incurred by this Battalion for the period from 1 October 1944, through 31 October 1944:

Co "D" - Claud O. Saynes, 14050435, Tec 4, LWA, 23 Oct/44.
Co "G" - Raymond M. Sellman, 33067972, Sgt, KIA, 29 Oct/44.
HQ Co. - Walter B. Werner, O-450125, 1st Lt, LWA - 29 Oct/44.
Co "Q" - Wallace M. Bobo, 34122273, Pvt, IIA, 29 Oct/44.
Co "Q" - Charles W. Rush, 37101651, Tec 4, LWA, 29 Oct/44.
Co "Q" - Grant D. Devore, 37475227, Pfc, LWA, 29 Oct/44.
Co "B" - Davis Patterson, 37462075, Pfc, LWA, 30 Oct/44.
Co "B" - Carl F. McCoy, 37087462, Pfc, LWA, 31 Oct/44.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT J. LOE,
1st Lt., 13th Tk Bn.,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
A.P.O. 251, U.S. Army.

22 October 1944

PLAN PARTISAN.

1. In case a counter-attack does develop against the Gardiner Force Sector, present line will be defended. If withdrawal is forced by the strength of enemy attack, units will withdraw only on orders of Headquarters O/C "B" and will fight a delaying action onto high ground South of 21st Reserve to "Red" Line. The code word "PARTISAN" will be the order to withdraw.

2. In case attack develops against Gardiner Force Sector:

a. "A" Co, 13th will take up previous reconnoitered positions in Vic. of CORVELLA and PORRETTA TERRE (See Overlay) prepared to cover withdrawal of "D" Tr., 81st Ren and to defend "Red" Line.

b. "O" Co, 13th remain initially in present position prepared to support "D" Tr, 81st Ren by fire, cover withdrawal of "D" Tr and protect left flank of Gardiner Force.

c. "A" Co, 16th Engrs will take up defensive positions along "Red" Line (See Overlay) and be prepared to reinforce "D" Tr, 81st Ren., cover withdrawal of "D" Tr. and to defend "Red" Line in its sector.

d. "D" Tr, 81st Ren Sqdn. will attempt to hold attack. Upon order to withdraw fight delaying action to "Red" Line and take up defensive positions on left flank of "A" Co 16th Engrs as prescribed by G.O. "O" Co, 13th Tank Bn (See Overlay). Maintain contact with "A" Co, 16th Engrs on right.

e. "A" Co 11th Armd. Inf. will initially go into reserve position Vic. PORRETTA TERRE (See Overlay). Be prepared to reinforce either "D" Tr, 81st Ren/ or "A" Co, 16th Engrs. upon order of this Headquarters.

3. In case attack develops against BOMBIANA:

a. "A" Co 13th same as para 2a.

b. "O" Co 13th same as para 2b.

c. "A" Co 16th will initially go into reserve position Vic. PORRETTA TERRE (See Overlay). Be prepared to reinforce either "D" Tr 81st Ren. or "A" Co 11th Armd. Inf.

d. "D" Tr 81st Ren will coordinate withdrawal with 11th Armd. Inf. on the right and take up positions required in Para 2d.

e. "A" Co, 11th Armd. Inf. will take up defensive positions along "Red" Line (See Overlay), cover any withdrawing troops and defend "Red" Line in its sector.

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4. Bn. Ft. 13th Tank Bn continue present mission and remain initially in present position.

5. Serv. Co 13th Tank Bn continue present mission and remain initially in present position.

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4. Rsa. Plt. 13th Tank Bn continue present mission and remain initially in present position.

5. Serv. Co 13th Tank Bn continue present mission and remain initially in present position.

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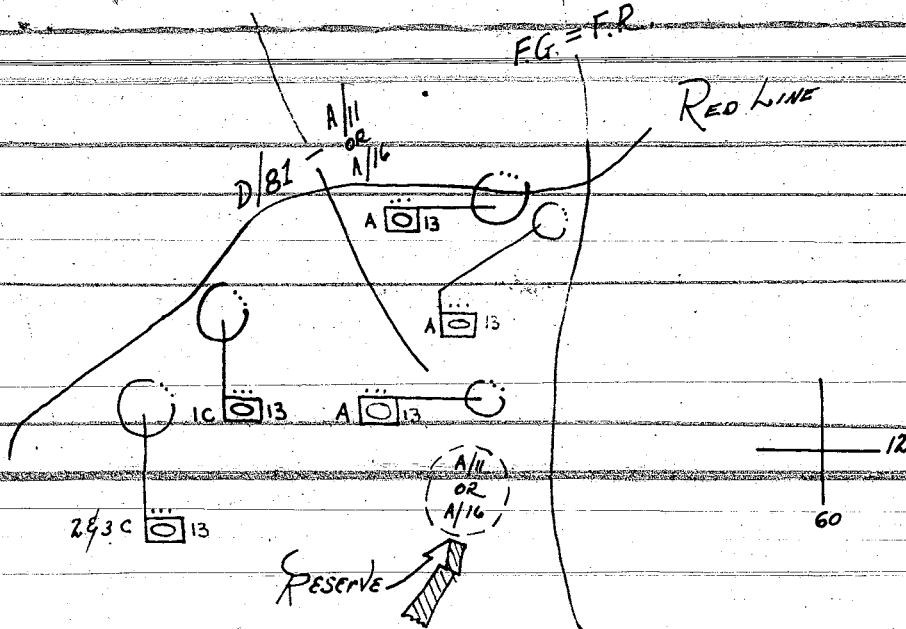
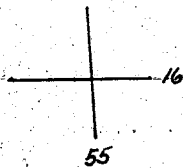
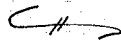
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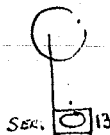
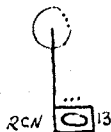
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PLAN "PARTISAN" 13TH TR. BN

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
A.P.O. 251, U.S. Army.

In the Field,
17 October 1944.

SUBJECT: PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FORWARD LINE.

TO : G.O. G.O./"B".

1. Disposition of troops when plan is put into effect (See Overlay).
2. Action to be accomplished immediately:
 - a. Company Commanders and Platoon Leaders will make reconnaissance of areas and plans for movement to general line indicated.
 - b. One Platoon of "A" Company, 13th Tank Battalion relieves Headquarters Company at road block at L-588066.
3. D-1:
 - a. Movement of 3rd Platoon "B" Company 13th Tank Battalion to join and support Company of 11th Arm'd Infantry via CASAGNE (L-616171).
4. D-Day:
 - a. Movement of "B" Company (minus 1 Plt.) to MARANO in support of one company 11th Arm'd Infantry. This movement to take place after Infantry has occupied the town.
 - b. One Platoon of "A" Company moves to vic. CORVELLA, establishing strongpoint.
 - c. One Platoon of "A" Company moves to L-578112 and establishes strongpoint.
 - d. 3rd Platoon "G" Company moves from CASA LUNGA (L-588159) to offensive positions vic. L-562129.
5. Initiation of all tank movements will be on order this Headquarters.

By order of the Battalion Commander,

GEORGE W. WILLIAMS
Maj. 13th Tank Bn.
Executive Officer.

INCL: Overlay.

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Co-ordinate List to Accompany Fire Plan 'Partisan'.

A-1 5871 1462	G-1 5216 1370
A-2 5878 1517	G-2 5259 1345
A-3 5967 1509	G-3 5366 1378
A-4 6024 1545	G-4 5500 1352
A-5 6134 1565	G-5 5608 1388
A-6 6209 1574	G-6 5769 1422

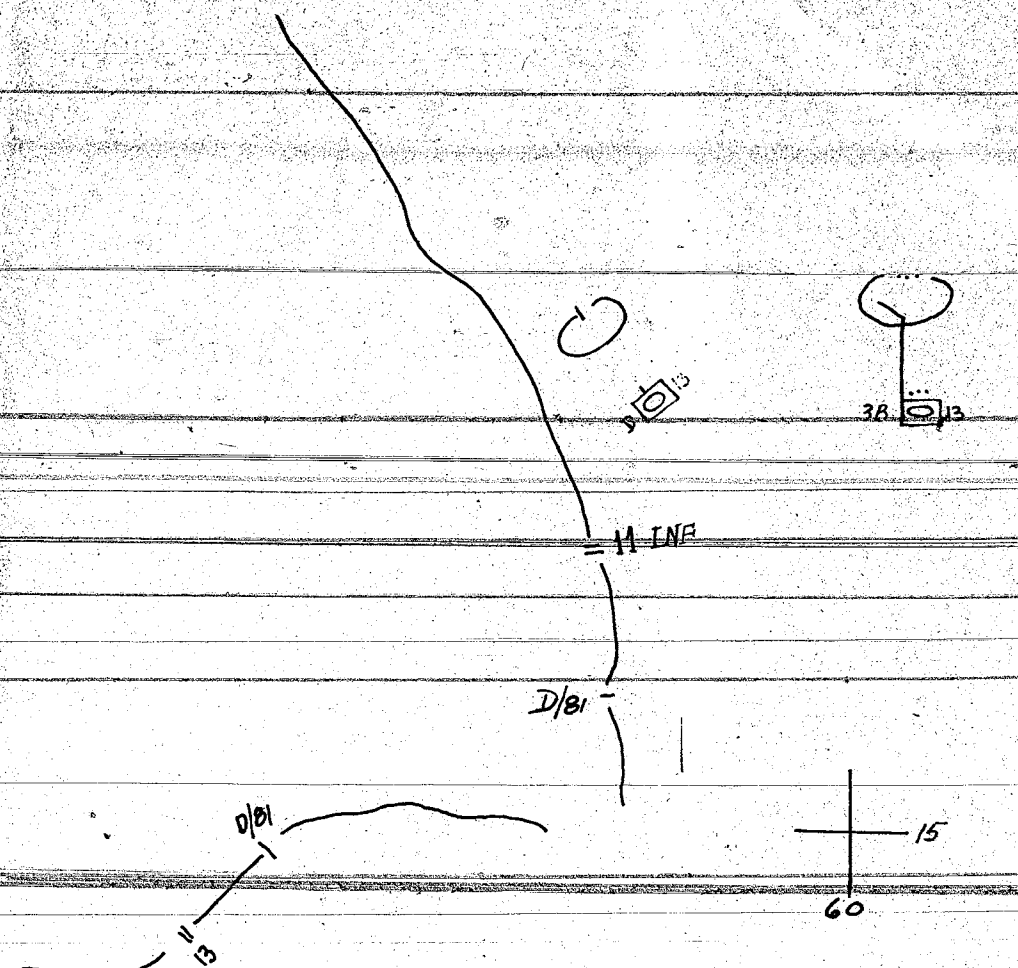
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B-2 5915 1590	H-2 5309 1406
B-3 6005 1537	H-3 5403 1427
B-4 6070 1620	H-4 5560 1426
B-5 6170 1609	H-5 5576 1467
B-6 6251 1618	H-6 5806 1498

O-1 5816 1642	I-1 5223 1479
O-2 5864 1670	I-2 5316 1455
O-3 5947 1644	I-3 5520 1481
O-4 6103 1665	I-4 5578 1530
O-5 6196 1704	I-5 5615 1474
O-6 6258 1658	I-6 5641 1524

D-1 5916 1700	J-1 5271 1544
D-2 5991 1695	J-2 5351 1532
D-3 6050 1723	J-3 5425 1518
D-4 6150 1714	J-4 5512 1540
D-5 6194 1753	J-5 5677 1576
D-6 6258 1745	J-6 5714 1577

E-1 5815 1733	K-1 5213 1619
E-2 5877 1755	K-2 5373 1564
E-3 5969 1795	K-3 5479 1574
E-4 6027 1817	K-4 5534 1590
E-5 6074 1814	K-5 5610 1617
E-6 6236 1800	K-6 5761 1642

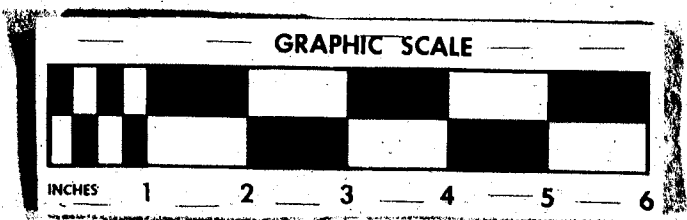
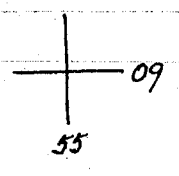
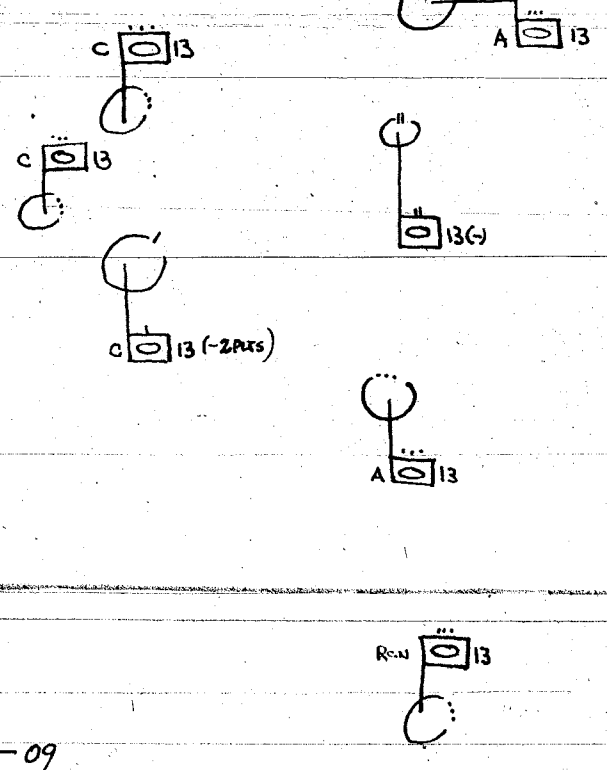
F-1 5844 1824	L-1 5437 1665
F-2 5965 1863	L-2 5524 1673
F-3 6117 1855	L-3 5607 1667
F-4 6215 1914	L-4 5586 1730
F-5 6256 1860	L-5 5625 1786
F-6 6279 1958	L-6 5700 1750



GENERAL DISPOSITION OF 13th
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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
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CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:

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9 December 1944

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL ACTIVITIES.
1 Nov - 30 Nov 1944.
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE PAR. 1.4.4.1

At the beginning of the period the units of the battalion were located as follows:

- Battalion C.P. (Fwd.)- L-645198.
- Battalion C.P. (Rear)- L-580131.
- "A" Company - L-650193.
- "B" Company - (minus 2 platoons) - L-823181.
- 1 Platoon "B" Company attached to "D" Troop 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron located at L-623208.
- 1 Platoon "B" Company attached to 11th Armored Infantry Battalion located at L-636223.
- "C" Company - L-640186.
- "D" Company - (minus 2 platoons) - L-636197.
- 2 Platoons "D" Company attached to 11th Armored Infantry Battalion; 1 platoon at L-636223 and 1 at L-634219.
- Service Company - L-593089.

The attack on CASTELNUOVO had jumped off on the morning of 29 October and by 1 November the advance had stopped and positions of elements of Combat Command "B" were stabilized short of the final objective. The enemy attempted several counter-attacks, which were repulsed, and continued harassing artillery fire on elements of the battalion, and on the bridges at RIOLA, MARANO, SILLA, and PORFETTA TERME. This harassing fire continued throughout the period.

During the night of 2-3 November, one platoon "C" Company, 13th Tank Battalion moved into indirect firing positions at L-639175, and came under control of 68th Armored Field Artillery Battalion for firing missions. At 1445 hours 3 November, "D" Company 751st Tank Battalion was attached to the 13th Tank Battalion and went into an assembly area at L-588147. At 0015 hours 7 November, one platoon "D" Company 751st Tank Battalion relieved 1st platoon "D" Company 13th Tank Battalion at PALAZZO L-635220, and the relieved platoon rejoined the remainder of "D" Company 13th Tank Battalion at L-588113. The mortar platoon, 13th Tank Battalion returned to control of the battalion and closed in area L-580131 at 2005 hours the 7th November.

One platoon of "B" Company, 13th Tank Battalion, which was at VOL-PARA, L-623208, was relieved during the night of 7-8 November and moved to L-592088.

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On the night of 6 November, "B" Company, Royal Natal Carbineers, 6th South African Armored Division, was attached to the battalion and moved into outpost positions at L-644214, L-652218, and L-646208. This company of the R.N.C. was relieved at 2320 hours 9 November by the 3rd Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. At this time, "D" Company, 751st Tank Battalion came under control of the 1st Division, B.E.F. The 1st platoon "C" Company, 13th Tank Battalion moved to indirect firing position at L-641186 at 1637 hours 10 November.

The situation remained static except for active patrolling by attached infantry elements and enemy artillery harassing battalion positions. At 2000 hours 15 November, the 2nd Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment B.E.F. relieved the outpost positions of "A" Company, 13th Tank Battalion. At 0900 hours 16 November, the responsibility of the sector passed from Task Force Gardner to Task Force Nelson (B.E.F.). At 1815 hours on the 16th, one platoon of "C" Company, 13th Tank Battalion moved to vicinity L-654199.

On 20 November at 1730 hours, the 2nd platoon of "D" Company, 13th Tank Battalion was attached to the 435th A.A.A., T.F. 45, to assist in an attack on left of B.E.F. sector. This platoon moved to L-516128 on 22 November closing at 1945 hours.

At 1800 hours 28 November, the 1st platoon of "D" Company, 13th Tank Battalion and the 2nd platoon of "B" Company, 13th Tank Battalion were attached to T.F. 45 and moved to vicinity QUERQUOLA and VIDIATI00 to assist in an attack.

Lieutenant General Mark Glark paid a visit to the Assault Gun Platoon, 13th Tank Battalion at 1115 hours 30 November 1944.

Throughout the period 1 November to 30 November the battalion was in a very stable situation and when the period ended, all sub-units were in relatively the same locations as at the beginning. The enemy had little direct contact with the battalion, such contact being minor patrol clashes early in the period. Enemy artillery and mortar was quite active in an harassing role. One officer and eight enlisted men were wounded. Two tanks, M4A3, 76mm, were hit by enemy artillery fire, causing sufficient damage to necessitate replacement by new tanks. In addition to working with units of the 6th South African Armored Division and the 1st Infantry Division, Brazilian Expeditionary Force, the battalion also worked with elements of the 92nd Infantry Division (U.S.).

For the Battalion Commander,

Kenneth M. Deal
KENNETH M. DEAL,
Capt., 13th Tank Battalion,
Assistant S-3.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of The Battalion Commander
A.P.O. 251, c/o U.S. Army

In The Field,
2 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Battle Casualties.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

Battle casualties incurred by this organization for the period from
1 November 1944, through 30 November 1944, are as follows:

Tec 4 Roger J. Coon, 3054061, LIA 2 Nov '44, Company "D".
Sgt Quentin (NMI) Cummins, 6669961, LWA 3 Nov '44, Company "A".
S/Sgt John R. Losinski, 6937982, LWA 6 Nov '44, Headquarters Co.
Pvt Robert J. Boucher, 31269610, LWA 9 Nov '44, Company "B".
Tec 5 Ervin T. Cooper, 38182711, LIA 21 Nov '44, Headquarters Co.
Pvt Donald N. Anderson, 34706274, SVA 21 Nov '44, Headquarters Co.
Pfc Donald C. Haudlin, 37654624, LWA 21 Nov '44, Headquarters Co.
Pfc Anthony R. Senato, 32503273, LIA 8 Nov '44, Headquarters Co.
2nd Lt. Don E. Beaty, O-1691724, LWA 25 Nov '44, Company "D".

For the Commanding Officer:

ALFRED K. LKS,
Capt., F. A.,
Unit Personnel Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander,
A.P.O. 251, U.S. Army.

In the Field,
2 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Decorations and Awards.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

Listed below are the decorations and awards of members of this organization for the period from 1 November 1944 through 30 November 1944.

PURPLE HEART

Tec 5	Charles L. Cooper	34333034	GO#91,Hqs 1st AD, c.s., Co "D"
Sgt	Harley B. Beck	6660988	GO#91,Hqs 1st AD, c.s., Co "C"
Tec 4	Charles W. Rush	37101651	GO#91,Hqs 1st AD, c.s., Co "C"
1st Lt	Walter B. Werner	0-450125	GO#91,Hqs 1st AD, c.s., Co "C"
Pfc	Grant D. Devore	37475227	GO#91,Hqs 1st AD, c.s., Co "C"
Pvt	Wallace M. Bobo	34122273	GO#91,Hqs 1st AD, c.s., Co "C"
Tec 4	Claud G. Saynes	14050435	GO#91,Hqs 1st AD, c.s., Co "D"
Pfc	Davis (NMI) Patterson	31462075	GO#92,Hqs 1st AD, c.s., Co "B"
Tec 5	Carl F. McCoy	37087462	GO#92,Hqs 1st AD, c.s., Co "B"
Tec 4	Roger A. Thorpe	39164061	GO#92,Hqs 1st AD, c.s., Co "D"
S/Sgt	John H. Losinski	6937982	GO#141, 15th Evac Hosp., Hq Co.
Pvt.	Robert J. Boucher	31269010	GO#142, 15th Evac Hosp. Co "B"
Tec 5	Ervin T. Cooper	38182711	GO#114, 16th Evac Hosp. Hq Co.
Pvt	Donald W. Anderson	34706274	GO#114, 16th Evac Hosp. Hq Co.
Pvt	Donald C. Maudlin	37654624	GO#114, 16th Evac Hosp. Hq Co.
Pvt	Robert R. Paul	16148599	GO#96,Hqs 1st AD, c.s., Co "A"

For the Commanding Officer,

ALFRED K. LEE
Capt., F.A.,
Unit Personnel Officer.

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JOURNAL
11th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 1 November 1944

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0200	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00B
0400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00B
0600	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00B
0645	Forward C.P. at L-626206, Near C.P. at L-630205.	D/81	S-3/00B
0648	Q/13 has been given fire mission hill 322 (L-649231)- move- ment on road.	Rr/13	Fwd/13
1015	Spells with the people of the and its very quiet, just a few mortar shells coming in and no enemy observed.	S-3/00B	S-3/13
1800	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00B
2000	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00B
2040	"D" Tr, 81st Bn has a platoon established in AFFROG.	O/O B	S-3/13
2200	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00B
2400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00B
2 November 1944.			
0200	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00B
0400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00B
0600	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00B
0712	11th Inf just called for barrage. Getting s/a fire on them. No other info available.	O/O B	S-3/13
0820	C.P. at L-627206.	D/81	S-3/00B
0905	Lt. McOne just called to say that he needed a driver to re- place Thorp (D/13) who had been wounded in the arm by shrap- nel this morning. His injury while not serious will require his evacuation.	00/13	00/D-81 ¹³
0920	MEMO RIVER has risen two feet, still raining.		Note
0925	Q/13 being shelled at present time.		Note
1030	2/Ft "A"/16 going to L-621209 and L-619206, Leaves at 1040A.	D/81	O/O B

JOURNAL
11th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 2 November 1944 (Con't.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1055	An accurate daily expenditure of gas following same is required: 85 gun, 75 gun, 105 How, 81mm Mortar. Units will report on their daily telegram expenditure as of noon to noon period.	S-4/13	S-3/13
1000	Friendly agent carrying important documents is expected to cross lines from EOT. This courier has been instructed to contact Pwd Security giving password "VIEUX L'INVERNO". When contacted he should be evacuated to Hqs HES, CASTILLON immediately.	Fr/13	Fwd/13
1800	W/13 small...
1535	A civilian reports 50 Germans and mortars at L-655223.	OO/13	S-2/00-B
1619	1 Plt D/13 alerted for possible reinforcement for Infantry (11th).	Fwd/13	OO/D-13
1700	No Ammo required tonight. Fired 60 rds today.	O/13	S-3/13
1700	"D"/13 (misses 2 plts.) closed L-696197 at 1700A.	OO/D-13	S-3/13
2120	"B"/11 is being relieved by company of South Africans and a platoon of the 370th Inf. Known casualties of "B"/11 (23). Reported strength of "B"/11: 1 Off and 20 men. Not final report.	S-3/COB	S-3/13
2125	2nd Plt G/370 Inf via L-581183 at 2036A was hit by enemy patrol and repulsed it.	S-3/COB	S-3/13
2125	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	O/O B
2200	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	O/O B
2300	Send one of your units to L-699175 before daylight in the morning to go into indirect firing position. Arty will contact you as to exact positions and arrange ammo.	OO/13	O/13
2400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
3 November 1944.			
0200	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
0400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
0600	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/0 0 B

JOURNAL
13th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 3 November 1944.

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1300	Request 500 rmds of M4s, 100 rmds M4s, 5 rmds smoke, 1 spool of assault wire.	0/13	00/13
1350	Harassing missions tonight: L-6 - 2000-2200 D-4 - 2200-2400, E-1 - 2400-0200	00/13	00/0-13
1445	Effective immediately, "D" Co, 751st Tk Bn is attached to 13th Tk Bn. Send officer representative to meet Lt Lesko, C.O. D/751 just North of SILLA Bridge. Lt Tks are now en route to assembly area via SILLA. D/751 just came out of line last night. They have no dry clothes and it is suggested that they move into houses, far side of SILLA bridge.	S-3/00 B	S-3/13
1845	I have contacted A/16 and they are making a run in preparation for doing the bulldozer work required to get ammo and supplies to tank pl. as requested by Maj Williams.	S-3/00 B	00/13
2105	Picked up P-W at our fwd element who is an engr of a pioneer D/81 Bn, the 232 Div; he claims near CASTELLANO he has been laying T-mines south of this town, but hasn't been laying them on main road.		0/0 B
2230	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
2400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
4 November 1944.			
0200	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00B
0400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
0600	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
1137	North of Porretta, all windshields on vehicles will be down	0/0 B	00/13
1210	Same as above.	13/Twd	A,B,& D.
1620	No movement until further orders from IV Corps.	S-3/00 B	00/13
1600	Harassing missions tonight for direct fire platoons: E-1 1930-2130; L-6 2130-2300; D-4 2300-0030.	00/13	00/0-13
1400	Request 600 rmds of M4s.	0/13	Twd/13
1410	Same as above.	S-3/13	S-4/13

JOURNAL
15th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 4 November 1944 (Con't).

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1750	Move is off for 24 hours.	S-3/00 B	S-3/13
1810	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
1830	D/13 (minus 2 plts.) moved from L-636197 at 1800A.	D/13	S-3/13
2000	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
2200	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
2400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B

5 November 1944.

0200	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
0400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
1100	Planes bombed and strafed between 57-61 Eastings and 25-30 Northings.	B/68	00/68
1400	Harassing missions for tonight: Forty (40) raids per ecms.: L-6 1930-2130; E-1 2230-0130; F-3 0230-0430.	00/13	00/0-13
1730	Loss German plane strafed via HQLA 1730. No casualties.		Note
2005	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
1955	Operational Instructions # III O/G B rec'd at 1950A.		Note

6 November 1944

0135	South African Infantry Company reported in position and every thing secured.	62/B	S-3/13
0225	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
0405	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
0604	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
1055	Maj.Gen. Gritzenburger visited C.P. (From IV Corps).		Note
1045	Effective at once, right boundary 1st Inf Div BEF, or bound- dary between O/G B and 6 SA Arm'd Div is as follows: Along 63 Easting North to L-633094; thence along LUXENTRA di THEPTIO River to junction with RENO River and then along RENO River all inclusive to 1st Inf Div BEF.	S-3/00 B	S-3/13

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DATE: 6 November 1944 (Con't.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1305	Request 400 rnds of M48.	00/0-13	Fwd/13
1400	Same as above.	Fwd/13	Rr/13
1700	Repeat missions of last night on L-6 and E-1 tonite.	00/13	00/0-13
1710	1st Flt D/13 relieves 2nd plt D/13. 1st Flt to come out and 1 plt D/751 to relieve 1st Flt D/13 which is in PALAZZO 1 Flt D/751 will go to NJ L-627203.	00/13	S-3/00 B Rr/13
2048	Civilian reports state Germans in CASTELNUOVO (L-660277) reinforced by 500 more infantrymen last night. I believe number exaggerated but it indicates large group did come in. Patrols into MONTE CAVALLO L-660218 every night.	S-2/13	S-2/00 B
2217	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
2400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
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0100	Platoon of D/751 closed in new location relieving platoon of D/13 at 0015A hrs.	00/D-13	S-3/13
0220	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B RR
0400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B RR
0600	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B RR
0745	1 Flt D/13 closed at factory L-588113 2400A. Mortar Plat. 13th closed L-580131 at 2005A.	Rr/13	Fwd/13
1451	Request 300 rnds of M48.	00/0-13	Fwd/13
1507	Same as above.	Fwd/13	Rr/13
1520	M/G and 3 men reported digging in at L-644222. Can your people fire this? We have nothing we can use.	Captain Butser	Fwd/13
1600	Harassing missions tonight: F-1 1830-2030; E-1 2100-2300; E-3 2330-0130. 40 rnds per cone.	00/13	00/0-13
1820	Effective at once, previous instructions re. Unit Strength are rescinded. Units will submit reports based on total strength less service and medical personnel. Abv is in ref to S-3 Periodic Report Para 6 & (1).	S-3/00 B	S-3/13

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DATE: 7 November 1944 (Con't.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1655	We are trading vehicle for vehicle which will take place immediately after dark tonight. (Capt. Wienberg's tank).	Fwd/13	S-3/00 B
1700	You can relieve the plt attached to 3rd Bn 6 OT MEV, plst on hill and plt at L-626206, 3rd plt will remain on present mission.	S-3/00 B	Fwd/13
1714	You may relieve the plt near VOLPANA and it will come out. (3rd Plt B/13). The Plt at L-622192 (2nd Plt B/13) and 1st Plt B/13 will remain in place.	S-3/00 B	Fwd/13

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0200	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
0400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
0600	Plat of B Co down from hill with exception of one tank which is stuck.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
1200	Newspaper correspondents and radio commentators may try to interview military personnel on local reaction and for comments on National Election Returns. War Dep't. instructs that military personnel will NOT, repeat NOT, be interviewed or quoted on election out-comes, own political preference or opinion in political situation. Correspondents are free to expect own opinions. These instructions will be observed in letter and spirit.	S-2/00 B	S-2/13
1230	Same as above.	S-2/13	All Units
1345	Brazilian Patrol leaving area 2nd Bn 6 OT at 1400A. Return at 1700A. Leaving from L-638223, going to L-635220-636217-641215-643216-642217 and return. Run party includes 12 men with Sgt in charge (Passed to HHC & C Co.)	Fwd/00 B	S-3/13
1416	Last night at 2400 Bochs fighting patrol approx 15 men crossed Hwy 64 via TORQUILLA (L-658223) and had fire fight with fighting patrol of elements SAAD same place. SAAD finally drove them off.	14/SAAD	S-3/13
1955	S/A fire observed via L-655220, firing S at bearing of 255 distance 2000 yds (1600A).	B/61(SAAD) 00/13 2 A/13	
1955	Patrol to L-649209. Nothing to report.	B/61	Fwd/13

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DATE: 8 November 1944 (Cont')

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2140	Patrol to house at L-649209 has returned. They went to within 50 yds of houses when lights that could be seen inside went out. The patrol stopped to listen, could hear movement inside. Then heard movement on path between themselves and their company, decided they were not in enough strength to investigate further and returned to their unit. Will send another patrol out if Col. Gardiner feels it is necessary.	B/61	Fwd/13
2145	Second Patrol to point in question not necessary tonite. Keep point under observation. Will lay arty on it if necessary.	Col. Gardiner	B/61
2200	Nothing to report.		
2400	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	S-3/00 B
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0345	Nothing to report.	B/61	Fwd/13
0540	Have a guide at C.B. of 6 Inf Regt at 0900h to meet a party from 1st Bn for a Run of B Co N.F.R. Positions.	Rr/CC B	Fwd/13
0545	Nothing to report.	B/61	Fwd/13
0600	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	Rr/CC B
0430	Report situation at once 0500,0600,0700,0800, 9 Nov.	Rr/CC B	Fwd/13
0800	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	S-3/00 B
0900	Send billeting party to meet Col. Johnson at Q-717788, vic. CALENZANO.	Fwd/13	CC B
1100	4 or 5 say lt mortars fell vic of NIOLA Bridge.	Fwd/13	S-3/00 B
1125	After 'B' Co N.F.R. is relieved they will revert back to control of parent unit. They are to go back to CASTIGLIONE. An order from the 6 SAAD Div will be issued.	Fwd/CC B	Fwd/13
1330	Request 300 rnds of M48.	CC/0-13	Fwd/13
1335	Same as above.	Fwd/13	Rr/13
1500	Harassing fires for tonight: E-4 (L-661217) 1800-1900 D-3 (L-652217) 1930-2030; E-3 (L-655219) 2100-2200; F-1 (L-658226) 2230-2330.	CC/13	CC/0-13

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DATE: 9 November 1944 (Con't.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1438	The Brasilia Infantry are attached to you when they detrusk tonite. The M/61 go back to their parent organization.	B-3/00 B	00/13
1800	If you feel conditions warrant moving that one platoon up on the road, it is agreeable with Col. Dewey. Have talked with Col. Fritchard (OO/68 AFAB) and it is alright with him.	00/13	00/G-13
1810	Col. Fritchard has given us permission to move to farm standing along road to G.P.	^{FIRM} 00/13	00/e-13
1830	Make plans for the head of the 13th Tank Bn column to be in PISTOLA by Friday night (10 Nov.)	B-3/00 B	00/13
1930	1st Plt G/13 moved from L-639176 at 1915A to indirect firing positions at L-641186, closed 1930A.	00/G-13	00/13
2000	Nothing to report.	M/61	Fwd/13
2010	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	G/O B Rr
2135	Operations Instructions #7 rec'd 092135 by Lt Brown, LO 13th TankBn.		Note
2200	Relief proceeding as scheduled. One platoon in place others on way up.	Fwd/13	G/O B Rr
2320	Relief completed. Last unit on way out. ie relief of Co H/RWO by 3rd Co 1st Bn 6th Inf.	B/61	Fwd/13
2325	Above message relayed to G/O B	Fwd/13	G/O B Rr
2400	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	B.H.F.
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0025	Picked up one German deserter from 232 Div 1045 Regt Said there were some 400 men in front of their position.	3/1/6th Inf	Fwd/13
0030	Relayed to Luta 3	Fwd/13	B.H.F.
0415	Nothing to report	3/1/6th Inf	Fwd/13
0415	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	B.H.F.

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DATE: 10 November 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0605	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	B.E.F.
0950	Hwy 6625 will not be used for through traffic unless impera-	0/0 B	Fwd/13
1000	Same as above.	Fwd/13	All Units
1130	B.E.F. says there will be no movement or reliefs tonite.	S-3/00 B	Fwd/13
1420	No ammunition tonite.	0/13	Rr/13
1445	Tell Lt.Col. Gardiner that our 1st Plt is going into positions they were in last night, also have him call when he returns.	00/0-13	Capt Deal
1637	1st Plt 0/13 closed in indirect firing positions at L-641186.	0/13	Fwd/13
1745	Two enemy planes dropped incendiaries via NICLA Bridge. No known damage.	Fwd/13	0/0 B
1938	Patrol to L-652214 and return at 1938A. N.T.R. Plan to occupy houses at L-649210 before dawn with 2 squads.	3/1/6 Inf	Fwd/13
2030	Above msg. Nothing further to report.	Fwd/13	B.E.F.
2145	Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
2200	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	B.E.F.
2220	4 rmds arty landed in river bottom via NICLA.		Note
2400	Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
2400	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	B.E.F.
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0200	Nothing to report.	3/1/6/	Fwd/13
0205	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	B.E.F.
0400	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	B.E.F.
0620	2 squads occupied house at L-649210 without opposition. Otherwise nothing to report.	3/1/6/	Fwd/13
1215	Brazilian Troops no in buildings at L-649210	Fwd/13	68 BA

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DATE: 11 November 1944 (Con't.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1300	Is 1st Plt B/13 firing. If so what coordinates.	CO/13	B/13
1314	We are unable to contact 1st Plt B/13. Our SunRay (Capt. Parkes) is going up to where they are by vehicle.	B/13	CO/13
1230	Patrol Sq. L-665212 reports all clear. Civilians report that Rem Patrol Fwd/13 German patrols come down from CASTELNUOVO every nite. To best of their (civilians) knowledge, the German Patrols have not come down as far as L-662209. Bridge at L-674213 has been blown but there is a vehicle by-pass.	13th Tk Bn	
1415	3/1/6/1 ordered to send patrol to MONZONE (L-655210) to re-turn by 181200. For information only.	CO/13	3/1/6/1
1830	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA
1900	6 MA are sending patrols sometime during the nite to the following points: L-688222, L-694230, L-680207, L-685205, L-675212. (Passed to A/13.)	LUTA 3	Fwd/13
1900	3/1/6/1 ordered to send patrol daily at 0900 and 1500 to contact patrol of the 4th Co, 2nd Bn, 6th Inf via L-644215.	Fwd/13	3/1/6/1
2000	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
2155	Nothing to report.	3/1/6/1	Fwd/13
2200	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
2400	Nothing to report.	3/1/6/1	Fwd/13
2400	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
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0355	Nothing to report.	3/1/6/1	Fwd/13
0415	Any patrol approached our outpost at L-657204 at about 0300A. Fire fight occurred. One enemy believed killed, two captured, one believed to have escaped. One PW is wounded.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
0420	Same as above.	Fwd/13	3/1/6/1
0615	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	B.I.F.
0725	One JU-88 sighted flying South at 8000' from 7020 square at 0700A hrs.	B.I.F.	Fwd/13

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DATE: 12 November 1944 (Gen's.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0700	We got the wounded German Opf in. They got closer to our lines than they thought they were and were surprised when they were fired on. They are not planning an attack but expect one from us. 1 believed killed, 1 got away, 2 taken prisoner. They are from 2nd Co, 1st Bn, 1045th Regt. Other patrols went out last night. Patrol left at 1215. They knew we were being relieved.	S-2/13	S-2/HEF
0835	Patrol of 3/1/6 left 0835 to contact patrol of 4/2/6.	3/1/6/	Fwd/13
0845	Patrol of 3/1/6 left 0845 headed to MONZONE.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1030	Patrol of 3/1/6 who left at 0835 returned at 1030A with 5 PoWs, reported taking them in house at L-644214. They made contact with 4/2/6 but location not clear.	Fwd/13	LUTA
1115	G.O. 3/1/6 called and reported new location of capture of PoWs as either L-647217 or L-649220.	Fwd/13	LUTA
1130	3/1/6 will register in their 81mm Mortars this afternoon. 81mm located via L-647200; 60mm located via L-645205.	3/1/6/1	Fwd/13
1400	Patrol back from MONZONE at 1030A. Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1550	4/2/6 (HEF) saw 12 Germans with 4 M/Gs go into house in which the 5 PoWs were taken. (This return of the 12 men occurred about 1/2 hr after the capture of the original 5 PoWs.)	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1700	Contact patrol 3/1/6 returned with a N.F.R. and a 4/2/6/ contact.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1900	Teamster Partisan patrol to L-672223 as of 1830A.	Partisan Chief	Fwd/13
1915	Nothing to report (Related 1800A hrs report.).	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
1920	Enemy plane dropped incendiary bombs at 1800A via L-6413. Anti-personnel bombs dropped via L-7126.	LUTA 3	S-2/13
2000	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
2010	Outpost via L-652207 saw two yellow flares shot up at 2008.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
2023	M/G and mortar fire observed via BOBACCOIO (L-655217 and L-641218) one shell hit via 3 Pit (L-644204) No damage.	3/1/6	Fwd/13

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TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
2030	Red Flame observed via MONTEGAVALORO L-661218 at 2020A.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
2200	Nothing to report except two shells which landed about 100 yards from the G.P. at 2140A.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
2210	Nothing to report except 8 rmds arty fire during last 2 hrs. Four of which fell in vic of RIOLA, two vic SERPA and two vic of MARANO.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
2220	Both 1st and 2nd Platoons 'A' Company reported they were doing some firing, just a few rmds. They may have some further details later.	1st & 2nd Plts 'A' Co.	S-3/13
2355	Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
2400	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
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0400	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
0600	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
0645	Co 'E', 2nd Bn 370 (L-600182): Patrol 1 off and 15 EM going to rea houses and determine any strength ABETATA L-577189. 0600-1000 hrs. Patrol of 7 Co 3 Bn 6 Inf going to ROGALI L-615215, consists of 1 Sgt and 11 EM. Time: 0900-1100 hrs. 8 Co patrol of 1 Sgt and 11 EM to rea hill 822 (L-623219) from 0900-1100. Patrol of 5 Co 2 Bn, 1 Sgt and 11 EM to rea area L-628227 from 0900-1130 hrs. 4 Co sending 2 contact patrols of 1 Sgt and 4 EM to contact 3 Co at 0900 and 1500 hours.	LUTA 3	Fwd/13
0825	Contact Patrol of 3rd Co 1st Bn left for rendezvous.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
0900	MONZONE patrol left now.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
0955	Contact patrol arrived at point of contact and met other patrol. They report having seen a man digging in the ground outside the house in which the prisoners were taken yesterday. Nothing else was observed.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1210	MONZONE Patrol back now. Civilians report any in MONTEGAVALORO and CASTELNUOVO, still there. Otherwise nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1030	Civilians report woman spy from BOLOGNA just arrived in MONZONE. Will probably live there for awhile.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1410	Contact patrol left area.	3/1/6	Fwd/13

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DATE: 13 November 1944 (Con't.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1530	Patrol "A" Company returned at 1530A hours.	A/13	Fwd/13
1540	Contact patrol returned. Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1845	Three red flares observed via L-655218 at 1840. Arty is now falling in area where flares were observed. This is a report from 1st Plt 3/1/6.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1720	<p>Ammo Status (Above Basic Load); Serf Co Areas: 158 M-48; Moreno Dump: 210 M-48; 1st Plt "G" Co: 242 M-48, 66 M-54; 3rd Plt "G" Co: 149 M-48; 2nd Plt "G" Co: (Approx) 1300 M-48, 100 M-54 & 1200. No more ammo available until 15 Nov.</p> <p>I had Catron pull in his outpost as the 434 AAA and other units (Brazilian) are south of his area on the road. Clay is sending one tank of his 2nd Plt (the plt not in position) back tonite to Ser Co for 100 hour check. He wants to get two others done. Do you have any objection to him having these tanks out of the line inasmuch as they are not in position? If you have no objection, I will check with Ser Co and then call Capt Clay and OK it.</p>	Captain MERHILL	OO/13
1922	3 shells landed within 50 yards of 81mm position (L-648200). 2 exploded, 1 dud, no casualties.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1936	O.P. of 3rd Plt believes shells came from Vie L-6324, M. Della Castellana.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1955	White flares observed between 1st Plt and 81mm mortar position (L-648202).	3/1/6	Fwd/13
2000	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUZA 3
2005	3 red flares observed via L-655220 and L-660226.	2/A/13	Fwd/13
2012	1955 report changed as follows; believe light to be tracer only, sending patrol to investigate.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
2013	3/1/6 reports that 4/2/6 phoned and reported seeing 4 red flares via L-647218. Sent patrol and got 4 PNs.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1710	In addition to the defensive fires and reinforcing fires in 00/13 your memo of 10 Nov 44, as of 0900 hrs, it is desired that the following additions be made: L-6536-2114, L-6530-2112, L-6540-2104.		11 FA Bn/MEF
2120	Patrol from Mor Plt to investigate white light or flare found nothing.	3/1/6	Fwd/13

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2200	Nothing to report. .	9/1/6	Fwd/13
2200	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
2400	Nothing to report.	9/1/6	Fwd/13
2400	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
14 November 1944.			
0200	4 rads arty fell area 3/6/BEF during 2 hour period.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
0400	Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
0400	Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
0600	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
0605	Information on friendly patrols for today: Patrol No. 1: From 7 Co, 1 sqd going to RONGALK (L-615215) leave at 0600, return 1000, mission Rem. Patrol No 2: From 8 Co, 1 sqd to L-618219, leave at 0800 return at 1000, mission rem. Patrol No 3: From 4 Co, 1 sqd to L-642222, leave at 0900 return at 1800, one officer accompanies patrol, mission Rem. Patrol No 4: Contact patrol, 4th Co to 3rd Co, to make contact via L-646217 at 0900 and 1500 hours.	LUTA 3	Fwd/13
0800	5 rd mortar dropped via 3/1/6.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
0820	Contact patrol of 3rd Co to 4th Co has departed.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
0830	B/A firing "D" Co approved. Notify any units immediately around or beyond impact area.	LUTA 3	Fwd/13
0930	Rear Patrol left for L-661209 and to investigate house at L-660207.	Rear/13	Fwd/13
1045	Contact patrol of 3 Co BEF returned at 1000 hrs, contact made, nothing to report.	9/1/6	Fwd/13
1115	Patrol to L-661209 returned 1100 hrs. No information.	"A"/13	Fwd/13
1128	Company cadre meeting at rear C.P. at 1530A today.	S-2/13	CO/MSG Cos.
1000	Patrol to MONZOME returned, nothing to report.	9/1/6	Fwd/13
1350	Disregard message of 1128A.	Fwd/13	CO/MSG Cos.

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DATE: 14 November 1944 (Con't).

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1400	Contact Patrol departed.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1410	Capt. Murillo is coming down to the C.P. Will live here and act as arty (BEF) L.O. to and between 3/1/6 and 13th Tk Bn.		Note
1435	Movement seen at L-67452141. Is it any of your people?	11 SA AB	14/6 SA
1435	None of our people are operating in that area.	L.O./6 SA	11 SA AB
1400	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
1425	Col. Remy (Kentucky) called and asked for clearance to fire on L-674214 and any movement out there. Clearance given.	Kentucky	Fwd/13
1745	Disregard message of 1555/ Contact patrol of 3/1/6 met patrol of 4/2/6 without incident. 4/2/6 patrol reported that house in which patrols met the day before was heavily shelled and 1 woman and 1 child killed.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1730	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
1945	Lights observed via L-649220.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
2000	Patrols tomorrow: 3/1/6 to L-654210, out 0900, in 1100. 3/1/6 to L-644215, out 0900, in 1130. 3/1/6 to L-644215, out 1500, in 1630. Fwd/13 to L-664212, out 0900, in 1100. Shellrepp: 1950A, 2 rds Medium, South of Silla.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
2000	Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
2200	Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
2200	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
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0150	Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
0200	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
0400	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
0600	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
0600	Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13

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DATE: 15 November 1944 (Con't)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0750	Patrols for today: (1) 7 Co 3 Bn BOGIA PITTOLIARA, L-612207 1300-1500 hrs, 1 squad. (2) 8 Co Hill 822 (L-624219) 1300-1500, 1 squad. (3) 4 Co 2 Bn SOFRA SASSO (L-648214) 0900-1200 hrs, 1 squad. (4) Contact Patrol 2 Bn 370th at 0900 & 1500 hrs to L-616203, 1 to 1 1/2 hours. (5) 4 Co contact patrol 3 Co at L-643214 at 0900 and 1500 hours, 1 to 1 1/2 hours.	LUTA 3	Fwd/13
0835	Contact Patrol of 4 Co just left.	LUTA 3	Fwd/13
0925	Patrols just left for MONZONE.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1055	Our patrol to MONZONE only has returned, closed 1055A, NTR.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
0930	Contact Patrol back. Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1410	Maj. Sady (S-3 9 Engr Bn) to See C.O. 13th Tk Bn. Personalities: Col. Mashado Lopes, C/O; Maj Afonso Lima, Exec Off.	S-3/13	9 Engr Bn
1424	Contact patrol departed.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1550	Contact Patrol returned. Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
1720	Report on patrols to LUTA 3 (Maj Adair).	S-3/13	LUTA 3
2000	2/1/6 relieved "A" Company in positions.	S-3/13	LUTA 3
2000	Command of sector remains TFO and changes TFW as of 160900 November.	LUTA 3	S-3/13
2000	Nothing to report.	3/1/6	S-3/13
2000	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
2400	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
16 November 1944			
0200	Nothing to report.	Fwd/13	LUTA 3
0400	Nothing to report.	3/1/6	Fwd/13
0600	Patrol intentions: (1) 7 Co to L-611210, out 0600 in 1100. (2) 8 Co to Hill 822 L-624218, out 0600, in 1100.	LUGAR 3	Fwd/13

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DATE: 16 November 1944 (Ccm't)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0600 (Continued)	(3) 5 Co to L-630224, out 1400, in 1700. (4) 4 Co Contact Patrol to 3 Co, out 0900 & 1500. (5) 7 Co Contact Patrol to 2/370 at 1000A.	LUGAR 3	Fwd/13
0818	Contact patrol departed to L-644214.	3/1/6	S-3/13
0825	Gave locations of individual units of Battalion to Maj. Adair.	S-3/13	LUGAR 3
0900	Command of Sector (TFG) passed to control of BEF.	00/13	S-3/13
1030	BEF Unit on 2nd Floor referred to as Sub Force East of Nelson Force. No further reports to LUTA 3 (unless deemed necessary. Command of sector TFG passed to command Nelson Force at 1000A.	LUTA 3 Major Adair	S-3/13
1225	One squad now occupies LISSANO. Another squad now infiltrated to same area. Patrols of 3/1/6 and 2/1/6 now occupy MONZONE. 2nd Plat infiltrating into position at MONZONE. Patrols of 3rd Platoon going to IL SASSA (L-662217) this afternoon. If no enemy reaction the 3rd Platoon will occupy. If any reaction platoon will occupy area between 2nd and 3rd Companies via L-658208. By last night, 1 Platoon in MONZONE, 2nd Platoon in LISSANO. 1st Company will arrive via NICLA sometime during afternoon. Slight shelling of LISSANO after squad had occupied. No casualties, 1 building destroyed. No enemy or movements seen during any of the above operations. One platoon of 6 Inf Regt occupied point 702 L-644223. No opposition, some mortar fire.		TF Nelson S-3/13
1500	Capt Yarnell from IV Corps informed Capt Gilmore (S-4/13) that we have been allotted 770 rnds of HE 75 for a 15 day period. 275 rnds light mortar (figures 3 rnds per gun per day). All of IV Corps has been allotted 2075 rnds HE 75 & 1200 rnds of 76, of which no break down has been made for us as yet. IV Corps was also allotted 205 rnds of 75 Shells which we are not really in need of. Capt Gilmore informs us that the Sgt who is drawing small arms ammo today will see what Division can do for us.	Lieut. Boucher Rr/13	S-3/13 Fwd.
1620	Col. Outtis and Lt Col Stephenson IV Corps called regarding Brazilian situation.		Note
1600	1st Plat now in position via LISSANO, 2nd Plat via MONZONE 3rd Plat patrol reached L'SASSO. Elements of hvy wpns co	T F N	S-3/13

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1600	(continued) proceeding with 3rd Platoon to establish strong point in IL SASSO, only on Col. Nelson's orders. Report to patrol to IL SASSO not rec'd yet. During the nite 1 off with a strong patrol will make run of road leading from MONEONE to BOSGALLIO (L-655216) to run BOSGALLIO. 1st Company will come down the PALAZZO road to Hwy #64 and into assembly area vis houses L-644199. No more movement scheduled until daylight. 1st Company will be prepared to move to either MONTICAVALLORO (L-652218) or towards SAPPASASSO (L-649215) on orders.		
1930	Patrol to IIS SASSO nothing to report and returned. Platoon did not occupy due to lateness of hour. 1st Co. to proceed at first light 17 Nov. to assembly area vis. NICOLA VECCIA. Hill 702 was not occupied. Hill 670 was instead.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1815	Platoon "O" Company completed move to vic. L-654199.	RON OFF	S-3/13
17 November 1944.			
0930	Rec'd General Order of Operations No. 3, 151500A Nov.. B.E.F.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
0931	Operations in progress. No report as yet. 1st Co. will not move until 6th Inf Regt have taken point 702, at L-644223.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
0950	O.P. 6th Inf Regt. at MARANO (L-635196) O.P. West Bn Sector at SILLA (L-587147)	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1130	One Plat (-) established in MONTICAVALLORO. One Plat. (-) established in BOSGAGGIO. Area point 285 (L-663213) to be occupied by 1 plat. Area to extend area Hwy 64. Plat that was in LIBRAMO now on way to MONTICAVALLORO. Plat of 3rd Co to occupy MONEONE and high ground vic. L-657208. Hwy spans Co on route to vis. NICOLA VECCIA. Will occupy and establish patrols on the road and to the left flank and strong points. 3 rnds mortar and 3 rnds 75 MM came in on squad in MONTICAVALLORO. No any seen or other arty reported.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1430	Patrol to CARBONA (L-689225) returned. M.T.R. Found 1 shu-mine in the house and some German rations. Saw nothing.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1645	No further news since 1130 report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13

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DATE: 17 November 1944 (Cont'd)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1900	3rd Platoon "D" Co closed in present position L-648199 at 1845A.	3/D/13	S-3/13
2030	Strong raid on point 670. Repulsed in about 1/2 hour. Tomorrow, patrols from 3rd Co. will patrol in the SAPRASASSO Area to determine possible locations and dispositions of the enemy.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2030	Patrol from BOSGAGGIO to FREGARIA (L-655219) N.T.H. Civilians report any in positions in houses about 400 meters North of FREGARIA. When the SAPRASASSO feature is occupied elements of 2nd Co will occupy LARDA DI BOSGAGGIO (L-670215) and extend search to S. of it. During the afternoon 50 rmds enemy arty fell in MONZONE and 20 rmds in MONTCAVALLARO. No casualties reported.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2200	S/A fire reported coming from left flank of position at about 1000 yds and passing overhead. One vehicle hit.	2/A/13	S-3/13
18 November 1944.			
0900	Positions in BOSGAGGIO OK. MONTCAVALLARO, IL SASSO, point 205 (L-662212) obscure. Plat now going back to LISSANO. Will occupy all positions as of yesterday, if possible. Report later.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
0845	MONTCAVALLARO secured. No casualties.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
0900	IL SASSO secured. 1 man wounded, 2 enemy killed.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1200	Plat established by sqds in vic L-664209, L-661210, L-662216. Patrols left 3rd Co to run SAPRASASSO and vic. Everything in all positions in good order. O.P. for Gen. Clark L-678194.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1430	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1730	Patrols 3rd Co returned. Intention was for patrols (2) to meet at point 680 (L-649220). Patrols went on opposite sides of SAPRASASSO. Both patrols rec'd long range M/G fire spasmodically and did not reach objective. But did return with some enemy positions; any now in FREGARIA.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2025	British Askak report German Patrol vic L-624185.	LUTA 3	S-2/13
2435	4 rmds near NICLA bridge at 2148A. 6 rmd same place 2209.	S-3/13	LUTA 3

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DATE: 19 November 1944.

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0930	Patrols of 3rd and 2nd Cos to make contact with enemy all along front today.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1125	Patrols of 2nd and 3rd Cos departed. 8th Co 3rd Bn reports killing one enemy Opl last night. No ident yet. All outposts of 2nd and 3rd Cos are now mined and booby-trapped. Engr Off is here now and his troops and equipment will arrive tomorrow. Will assemble in this vic. His 1st priority is 13th Tank Bn.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1400	Points for patrols today: C. Cantoniera L-669213. G. Iareda di Sopra L-669219; Hill 449, L-661222; near L-666219, on Hill 449, Forest L-665219; Patrols to meet L-651217; Patrol strength plus 1 squad. No arty support for patrols. Avoid close contact; Ascertain terrain facilities, cover, concealment, trails, bridges, paths, C.P.s (concealed and in open) resistance points, areas shelled, position of weapons, obstacles, mines and wire.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1450	A/T Co 6th Inf Regt under command T.F.N.	G-3 Per 1st Div/EEF.	S-3/13
1700	7 patrols sent out. One back with enemy documents. More information later.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2200	One patrol from 3rd Co made no contact with 4th Co and saw no enemy. One patrol from 2nd Co went to L-668213 via small trail, foot path only, and saw no enemy. One patrol went to L-670219 by trail, saw two enemy either at LA SPAGGIA or G. RANJARI. One in position and one in observation. Otherwise, nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1100	Vehicles not in convoy going to the rear (Pistols etc) must carry trip ticket.	Rr/13	Fwd/13
20 November 1944.			
0845	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1040	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1000	1st Regt EEF coming via Forretta. 1 Bn in place now. Possible that 2/1 will relieve 3/6. Having transportation difficulties. 1st Regt to concentrate near vic Forretta.	L.O/13	S-3/13
1030	Copy of letter; Subj: Allocation of Ammo' dated 13 Nov 44 Hq. IV Corps Arty:	Info	S-3/13

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DATE: 20 November 1944 (Con't)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1030	(Continued) TEXT of Message: "For the period 151800 to 201800; 75mm Gun HE - 770; Smoke - 75; 76mm Gun HE-510, Smoke-25; 81mm Mortar (Lt) 137;(Hvy) 205. (Smoke) 65. 105mm How M2HE - 810, Smoke 81.		
1145	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	8-3/13
1340	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	8-3/13
1610	Nothing to report.	2a3/A	8-3/13
1615	2nd Bn 1st Regt will relieve 3 Bn 6th Regt in place starting at 2000 hours tonight. Another Bn of 1st Inf Regt is scheduled to relieve 2nd Bn 6th Inf in the near future. Before the start of the 2nd Phase, 1st Co 1st Bn will revert to control T.F.N. 1 Plt A/T Co attached to T.F.N. (2). Engr Off not arrived yet. (3). No patrols today.	T.F.N.	8-3/13
1730	2nd Plt D Co attached to 435 AAA, 370th and Brazilians. Lt. Col McKay. CO 435th AAA attacks to start 24th. 1 Plt medium 75lst attached. Will use 510 radio, 894 Hon Co, TD Co, 10 Armd Cars.	Capt/ Weinberg	O.O./13
2002	Reported Counter-attack on MONTECAVALLARO and IIBASSO.	T.F.N.	00/13
2004	IV Corps Arty is firing defensive fires at L-6610-2278, L-6560-2289, and L-6676-2249.	4/22/A	00/13
2115	All quiet in MONTECAVALLARO Area except spasmodic S/A fire. All shelling. No change in positions.	T.F.N.	8-3/13
21 November 1944			
0600	Nothing to report.	1a2/A	8-3/13
0745	A small raid on MONTECAVALLARO again at 0600 hours. No casualties. One Sgt wounded in last night's scrap. One POW taken voc LISSANO this morning. Otherwise, nothing to report.	T.F.N.	8-3/13
1100	2nd Plt D to do road work to place tanks in VEDIGATO not later than nite of 22/23.	Campaign 5	8-3/13
1145	Gen. Clark will not be out today. Gen. Crittenberger (IV Corps) Gen Brann and Brazilian General left half an hour ago.	Colonel Stephenson	8-3/13
1230	M.T.R. on current situations. Intend to improve positions	T.F.N.	8-3/13

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DATE: 21 November 1944 (Con't)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1230	(Continued) and send number of patrols out, let Bn 1st Regt rel'd 2nd T.F.N. Bn 6th Regt in position. This is thought to be true and the S-3 will check and let us know.		S-3/13
1320	Lt. Sippi reported enemy Inf. movement in FLETRA COLOREA and requested arty.	"B" Co	S-3/13
1322	T.F.N. referred to and said they would put arty on town.	S-3/13	T.F.N.
1600	Nothing to report. Enemy smoke on SAPRA SASSO at 1500A.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1650	(1) Mines on road via 6855-2240 and in 3rd house south of 1/0 6 SA ravine. (2) CARBONA L-68825 area is mined with trip wires. (3) There will be firing in VERGATO tomorrow night when the 6 SAAD launch an attack on point 285 (L-704250). (1) and (2) above are civilian reports.		S-3/13
1950	Nothing to report on local situation. Completion of relief of 2nd and 3rd Bns 6th Inf to be effective at 2300A hrs to-night by 1st and 2nd Bns 1st Inf Regt. 1 Co 1st Bn 6th Inf to come under command of T.F.N. sometime tomorrow.		S-3/13

22 November 1944

0800	Nothing to report; news at 0830.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
0930	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1030	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1146	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1300	Serv Co will feed "A" and "B" Cos rear. "A" and "B" Co's Captain kitchen will come up. Hq kitchen will feed 1 Plt "O" Co, Merrill 1 plt "D" Co and Fed C.P. "D" Co kitchen will feed "D" Co rear, assault guns and rear C.P. 2nd Plt "D" Co will be fed the Thanksgiving dinner.		S-3/13
1410	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1439	Put casualties on tonight's S-3 report.	00/13	S-3/13
1650	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1740	Lt. Wellington 422 wants info on present and future patrols of T.F.N.	422	S-3/13

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DATE: 22 November 1944 (Cont)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1940	Any raid on MONTEGAVALLORO supported by M/G fire from CASTELNUOVO. Raiders brought M/G with them and started to use it but raid was broken up. Cannon Co 1st Regt comes under command T.F.N. tomorrow. CO to make reconnaissance tomorrow.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1955	2nd Flt D Co closed L-516128 at 1945 this date.	O/O/D Co	S-3/13
2027	M/G fire observed via L-691234 at 2027.	422 FA Bn	S-3/13
23 November 1944			
0200	Col. Stephens called and checked to see if we had any incoming artillery this evening.	Colonel Stephens	S-3/13
0245	Col. Stephens called. I checked to see if we had any arty or activity. I checked with Brazilians and their 3rd Bn had a fire fight with presumably a patrol.	Colonel Stephens	S-3/13
0540	2 rnds med arty via RIOLA.	S-3/13	Info.
0830	Nothing to report. No enemy activity since 2100 last night. Cannon Co C.O. is making a run at the 1st Bn C.P. and from there he will run positions for his guns this side of the FEMO RIVER.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
0850	Smoke machines will be turned off at 0900 probably for 3 or 4 hours.	Major. Adair	S-3/13
0900	S/A had a fire scrap via BELLAVISTA L-701256 and FANADIZZA L-705231. No other information.	LO/6 SA	S-3/13
1100	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1325	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1730	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2000	Nothing to report. Light signal observed via CASTELNUOVO and reportedly answered from South African Side via L-668203 and L-697195.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2001	Cannon Co (1st Regt) under control T.F.N. occupy firing positions via L-645283 sited to fire defensive fire for BOGASSIO, M. GAVALLARO, and MENZONE.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2045	We will have to look after our areas close in security tonight. Tell Lt Bippi to have things well organized for a	OO/13	OO/C-13

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DATE: 23 November 1944 (Cont)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
2045	(Continued) P.F. just taken reports there is to be an attack tonight against the AFNCO-VOLPARI front. Have his radio give Bn a call on the 1/2 hour commencing 2230, giving situation such as N.T.R. etc on Bn frequency.	OO/13	OO/O-13
2030	P.F. just taken reports an attack will be made tonight against the II Bn. III Bn reported that at 1600 Germans were observed advancing to their forward positions to closer proximity of III Bn front line. Forward areas of II and III Bns heavily shelled just prior to 2030.	B.E.F. Major Adair	S-3/13
2230	5th Co attacked at 2115 from AFNCO by the enemy Arty and mortar fire broke the attack. At 2200 all quiet. 1st Regt Adair at 2230 enemy patrol passed thru 1st Regt. No location given. Brazilians planned to ambush patrol. No report as yet.	Major Adair	S-3/13
24 November 1944			
0630	Nothing to report, thru the night until present time from 2/3 plts "A" Co and 2 Plt "B" Co. 14 rnds via RIOLA during the night. Otherwise, all quiet.	S-3/13	Info
0815	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
0950	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1020	Positions of T.F. 45, as of 0930: Partisans: FLINADO; - 435; QUERCIOLA, FRADA, 524164 BEF: 7 Co at 585188. - GREGGIE 533183. 379: F Co. 545176, 546186; G Co 569188, H Co 574182. Hitting considerable resistance from MONTE CASTELLO and ARBETALA. Otherwise spotty resistance.	Lt Brown	S-3/13
1030	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1115	Any smoke pots via ROCCA PITIGLIANA (L-611208). Request artillery.	2/B/13	S-3/13
1117	B.E.F. Arty will fire on point.	S-3/13	T.F.N.
1139	Do you have any patrols via L-67452140? Does 6 SA?	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1142	Phone call to 422 rec'd neg answer and we have none either.	S-3/13	T.F.N.
1145	Two rnds full 400 yds short of target L-611208.	2/B/13	S-3/13

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DATE: 24 November 1944 (Cont)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1715	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/19

1800 Operation plan for Phase No.2 submitted to G.O. 13th Tk Bn.

1830	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
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TEXT OF T.F.N. O.L. PHASE #2:

Objective: Occupy point 720.

Axix of Ardance: M. CAVALLARO, point 664 (L-657226).

13th to protect right flank by fire covering 676214, MAL-

PASSO, M.CAVALLARO, point 664.

2 rifle cos to make the attack.

Reserve: 13th Tk Bn (), 4th Co and 1st rifle co.

T.F.N. O.O./13

Missions:

1st Co: pt 545, 655219; buildings at 653222, pt 720,

653223. Phase line vis 653223.

2nd Co: From M.CAVALLARO to road S of pt 664, 657226.

Final obj: pt 653, 655224. Phase line 659221.

3rd Co: Be prepared to move forward and occupy former

3rd Co positions vis M.CAVALLARO and BROGAGGIO. On

orders also be prepared to occupy pta 664214, 661222.

TANKS: To cover by fire GANTONIERI, 669213. Engg elements

at disposal of 13th. Tanks to occupy LA SELAGGIA

after securing 1st phase line for support of attack.

1 Platoon A/T Co attached to 13th Tk Bn.

O.P. T.F.N. to move to vic pt 358, 657213, sometime

after start of attack.

25 November 1944.

0615	Battle casualty report to Keystone 1 - NONE.	S-3/19	IV Corps G-1
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0630	For the period 242200 thru 250630 - MTR from 1&2 plts of Co "A" and "B" except for some S/A fire heard by 1st Plt "B" at 2330 and at 0530 by 2nd Plt "B".	Duty Off	Info
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0845	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
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1130	N.T.R.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
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DATE: 25 November 1944, (Con't)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1430	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1750	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1930	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2245	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
26 November 1944.			
0630	Nothing to report from A and B Companies through the night.	Info.	
0900	Patrol to MALPASSO, out at 1315 in at 1430. Attack on hill 70z will not take place today. All quiet on sector during the night.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1135	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1315	Patrol T.F.N. is back, N.T.R. went to C.CANTONIERA, MALPASO, LAREDA-DI-SOTTO. All quiet. No other activity reported on Battalion front.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1705	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2200	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
27 November 1944.			
0630	Nothing to report for period 2200-0630 for Cos "A" and "B".	Info.	
0800	8 Med Mortars via L-659202 and 1 rnd 75mm via L-645198 for T.F.N. period 2155 to 0645.		LUTA 3
0900	Nothing to report. 5 rnds mortar fell in M. CAVALLARO and 5 rnds arty in LISANNO last night at 2200A.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1120	11th Regt (BKF) to concentrate at PORRETTA. Charles visited "C" Co, Gen Daniels assumes GO 1st A.D. 435- B Btry at L-516176; G Btry at L-520170; C Btry L-525175. T.D. Elements: L-490150, L-505156. 2/370; L-540177 (180 men).	Lt. Brown	S-3/13
1130	Change in T.F.N. O.I. of proposed operations; Order to 1st T.F.N. Battalion O.O.: "Alterations in Defensive Dispositions": A. Platoon from La BERGA to MONZONE. B. Elements remain in position at pts 483 and 477. C. O.P. of 3rd Co goes in position SW of MONZONE. All Info here goes into effect by 271800A November 1944.		S-3/13

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DATE: 27 November 1944 (Con't).

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1900	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1430	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1800	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
28 November 1944			
0630	Nothing to report. for period 2200-0630 for Cos A and B.		Info.
0930	Nothing to report; change in O.I. to be ready in 1/2 hour.	T.F.N.	S-3
1100	Nothing to report; change in O.I. same as original as far as 13th Tk Bn is concerned.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1300	Reference 1100A message: 1 green flare on reaching intermediary position and 1 red flare on reaching final objective. Arty came 10 minutes before alleged attack. No mortar came in the T.F.N. Command.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1425	Alert 1 med plat; plat ldr is to report to 2nd Armd Group Hq. (Passed on to CO "B" Co 13th Tk Bn.)	LUGA 3	CO/13
1500	Alert 1 light plat; plat ldr to report to 2nd Armd Group Hq. (Passed on to CO "D" Co 13th Tk Bn.)	LUGA 3	CO/13
1530	Nothing to report locally. A 2nd Bn attack scheduled for tomorrow on M. CASTELLO. 1 Bn 6 Inf plus 1 Bn 11 Inf.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1730	Have been mortared for 1 hour.	Lt Page	S-3/13
1950	1 light and 1 medium attached to LaSalle (TF 45) as of 1300A hrs.	LUGA 3	OP/13
2106	Closed into area at 1730, 1st Plt B/13.	B/13	S-3/13
29 November 1944.			
0615	Casualty Report: Negative. (Phone)	S-3/13	O-1/IV Corps
0600	M. BELVEDERE counter-attacked by enemy and occupied. Tanks withdrawn to QUERMIOLA.	CO/"D" Co	CO/13
0615	For the period 2200 to 0630, all quiet in Co "A" 2d Plt and 3 Plt of Co "B". During the night approx 11 rmd med arty fell via L-621203.		Info.

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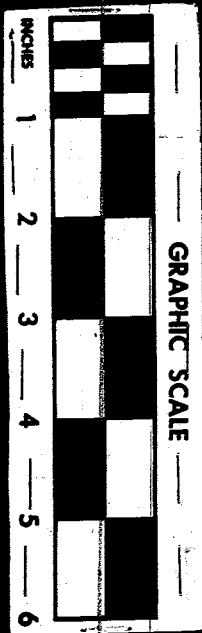
DATE: 29 November 1944 (Con't).

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0900	Nothing to report. No news on M. CASTELLO attack.	T.F.G.	S-3/13
0945	Col. Creak (O.O. 2nd Arm Group) wants between 500-1000 rads 75mm sent to VIDIGIATIG0(L-503139) by order Keystone 6.	T.F.G.	S-3/13
1050	Send two truck loads (600 rads) ammo to vie VIDIGIATIG00.	Capt Merrill	OO/13
1050	600 rads 75mm was on its way to VIDIGIATIG00.,	S-4/13	OO/13
1115	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1345	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1636	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1740	One Sgt wounded in action in addition to Lt Beatty.	Note.	
1800	Propaganda Leaflets dropped on Nov. Co elements via L-6418 at 1400A hrs. Curfew to be in effect as of 1700A hrs tomorrow night in RIOLA for all civilians. Patrol to go to vie. L-669213 to investigate houses tomorrow.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1830	Positions of 1st Bn 1st Regt and 3rd Bn 11th Regt(BEF) generally along following line: L-565187, 568188, 579189, 583193, 591194, 596196.	LO/13	OO/13
2150	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
30 November 1944.			
0630	All quiet during the night from 2200-0630 as reported by "A" and "B" Companies.	Info.	
0615	Casualties during the past 24 hrs: 1 EM KIA (D/13) 0 KIA, 0-MIA.	S-3/13	G-1, IV Corps
0900	Patrol to vie houses at L-669213 will leave LISSANO at 0900 return at 1030A.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1015	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1000	Dispositions of 370th Inf Regt and Recon Troop remain the same. The following are locations as they stand this A.M.: 4th Co 6th Regt at: 553175, 558175, 563175, 570175. 8th Co 11th Regt at: 588178, 592180, 592177. 9th Co 6th Regt at: 589171, 593173, 593170. O.P. of 1st Bn 1st Regt at: 575181. 8th Co 6th Regt at: 579174, 575173, 578177.	LO/13	S-3/13

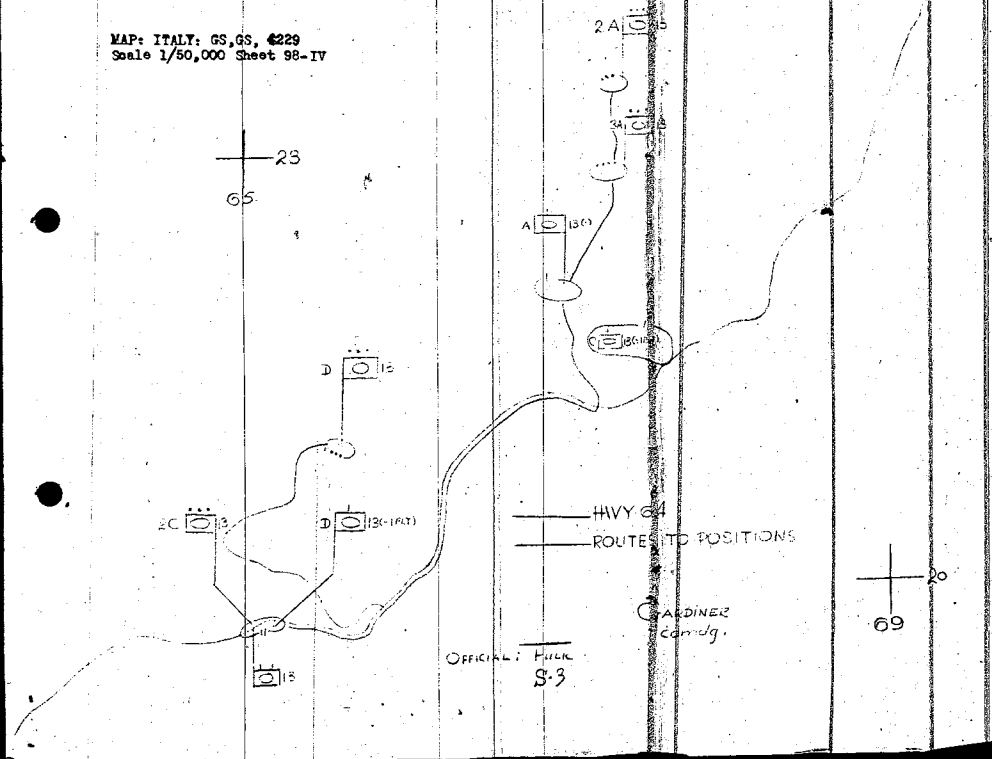
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DATE: 30 November 1944 (Con't).

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1000	(Continued). 9th Co 11th Regt at: 576183, 578182, 579184. C.P. 3rd Bn 6th Regt and C.P. 3rd Bn 11th Regt in BOMBIANA. 7th Co 11th Regt at: 578173, 584190, 585196. 7th Co 6th Regt at: 587196, 588191, 585186.		
1315	Patrol to CANTONERI returned reporting carefully, covering T.F.N. area of houses and finding nothing. Some old diggings reported. Otherwise, nothing to report.		S-3/13
1630	Hvy M/G fire being rec'd at this time at BOGOASSIO from PRES T.F.N. SCARPA. Casualties from attack on M. CASSELO. 126 KIA. 7 KIA.		S-3/13
1645	Bay tanks reported at L-568178, Smoke at 5718.	LUGA 3	S-3/13
1725	Tanks reported above now reported to leave; fired on Brazilians and wounded 6; tanks were identified as American.	LUGA 3	S-3/13
1145	Lt. Gen Clark visited the A/G 13th at 1115 today.		Note.
1800	1 EM KIA attached to TF 45, in action 28 Nov. Total 1 Off and 2 EM.		Note.
1825	1st Bn receiving an attack from VITTALLINE. Everything firm so far.	LUGA 3	S-3/13
1500	To remind you that the monthly 'Lessons Learned in Combat' report is due into this office (Rear G.P. 13th Tk Bn) not later than 1800A 6 December 1944.	S-3/13	All Cos 13th Tk Bn
2118	Approximately 19 rounds of heavy mortar landed via G.P. at REGOLA at 2112A. 1 EM KIA.	S-2/13	S-3/13



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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION,
Office of the Battalion Commander
A.P.O. 231, U.S. ARMY.

17 November 1944.

Amendment to Proposed Plan of Employment of the 13th Tank Battalion in support of attack by 1st S.F. to secure Castelnuovo feature submitted under date of 14 November 1944.

1. Under the plan previously submitted, it was proposed to send 1 Platoon of "G" Company to L-672213 and, on construction of a by-pass, to move to L-675214, replacing it at L-672213 with a second platoon from "G" Company, leaving the Company less two platoons in reserve in vicinity of RIOLA.

Further and more detailed reconnaissance indicates that the mission of those platoons, namely to protect the right front, can better be accomplished because of the terrain, fields of fire, location of buildings and underbrush from the vicinity of L-675214 than from the previously selected positions. It is therefore proposed to establish "G" Company less one platoon, which will remain in RIOLA, in the vicinity of L-675214.

The proposed plan dated 14 November 1944 should accordingly be corrected to read as follows:

..... 2. On the start of 2nd Phase:

a. Move one platoon of "G" Company (Medium Tanks) to vicinity L-672213 to protect right front and prepare on construction of by-pass to move to vicinity of L-675214 and continue mission from that point.

3. On movement of platoon from "G" Company from L-672213 (see paragraph 8b) to re-inforce it with "G" Company (minus 2 platoons).

5. Hold 1 platoon "G" Company and "D" Company (minus 1 platoon) in reserve vicinity of RIOLA.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
APO 251, U.S. Army

14 November 1944

Proposed Plan of Employment of 13th Tank Battalion in support of
attack by 1st BEF to secure Castelmovo feature.

1. Assemble A, C and D Co's in vicinity of RIOLA prior to the time the infantry secures it's final objective in the 1st Phase of the attack.
2. On the start of 2nd Phase;
 - a. Move 1 Platoon of D Co. (light tanks) to vicinity MONZONE 654210 prepared to support infantry by fire.
 - b. ~~Move 1 Platoon of C Co. (medium tanks) to vicinity 672213 to~~ protect right flank and prepared on construction of bypass to move to vicinity of 684221 and continue mission from that point.
 - c. Move A Co. (medium tanks) via Hwy. 64 to 671212, thence north to vicinity 670219 prepared to support attack on CASTELNUOVO, thence on order to vicinity of 674233 prepared to engage targets of opportunity.
3. On movement of Platoon from C Co. from 672213 (see paragraph 2 b.) replace that Platoon with another Platoon from C Co..
4. B Co. Platoons (medium tanks) now in position vicinity of MARANO and PALAZZO continue present missions of general support in those sectors.
5. Hold C Co. (-2 Platoons) and D Co. (-1 Platoon) in reserve vicinity of RIOLA.

Operations off of Hwy. #64 over the terrain covered by this plan will only be possible under favorable ground conditions.

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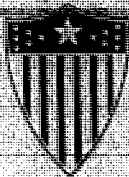
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ARTILLERY SUPPORT PLAN

13th Tank Battalion

A-1	6825-2171	B-24	6941-2577
A-2	6840-2216	B-25	6903-2418
A-3	6886-2252	B-26	6934-2494
		B-27	6957-2567
B-4	6851-2197		
B-5	6807-2177	I-28	6739-2418
B-6	6681-2195	I-29	6791-2561
B-7	6737-2225	I-30	6825-2473
		I-31	6844-2429
C-8	6555-2277		
C-9	6609-2277	J-32	6736-2478
		J-33	6808-2527
		J-34	6882-2577
D-10	6650-2285		
D-11	6701-2298		
D-12	6733-2274	K-35	6596-2571
D-13	6766-2334	K-36	6605-2538
		K-37	6681-2555
		K-38	6743-2571
E-14	6623-2321		
E-15	6659-2320		
E-16	6668-2353	L-39	6546-2509
		L-40	6595-2485
		L-41	6641-2460
F-17	6650-2356		
F-18	6583-2377		
F-19	6621-2367	M-42	6451-2443
F-20	6660-2391	M-43	6495-2369
		M-44	6521-2429
G-21	6617-2271		
G-22	6646-2341	N-45	6375-2362
G-23	6900-2380	N-46	6442-2349
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SECTION I - ACTIVITIES

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
1 Dec - 31 Dec 1944.

At the beginning of the period the units of the Battalion were located as follows:

Battalion C.P. (Fwd.) - L-645198
Battalion C.P. (Rear) - L-580131
"B" Company - L-590121
Mortar Plat. vic. - L-448199
Rm. Plat. vic. - L-448198
Small Mort. Plat. vic. - L-578118 attached to 88th A.S.A.
Rm., 1st Armd. Div.
"A" Company - L-645198
"B" Company (- 2 Plat.) - L-590121
1 Plat. vic. - L-515184 attached to T.F. 45.
1 Plat. vic. - L-601142 under control of 424th
Field Artillery Group in indirect firing position.
"C" Company - L-645198
"D" Company (- 2 Plat.) - L-587114
2 Plat. vic. - L-516128
and - L-593188 attached to T.F. 45.
Service Company - L-593089

During the first two weeks of December the battalion continued to support the B.E.F., maintained C.P.s and continued intensive reconnaissance for offensive operations within the Brazilian East Sub-sector. One platoon of "B" company fired indirect under the direction of the Corps Artillery, with battalion headquarters operating the fire direction center from 1 December until 21 December. On December the sixth Brigadier General Greely paid a visit to the C.P. and on the seventh Major General Crittzenburger IV Corps Commander paid the battalion a visit.

The second platoon of "D" company of the battalion was released from Task Force "45" on the ninth of December and were attached to the first Infantry Division of the B.E.F. They moved to the vicinity of L-588185 to take part in a projected operation. Major Malveris of the B.E.F. gave a lecture to units of the battalion on Brazil and its resources. On the tenth of December at 1800A hours an enemy plane strafed the bridge in vicinity of Service Company L-593089 and bombed PORRETTA TERME.

On the twelfth of December the First Infantry Division of the Brazilian Expeditionary Force attacked in the center of their sector with the MONTE CASTELLO feature their objective. The battalion was assigned the mission to execute a demonstration down route #64 on the right flank of the Brazilian's main effort. At 0730A hours on the twelfth of December a Brazilian anti-tank platoon acting as Infantry was attached to the battalion and moved from the vicinity of RIOLA to the vicinity of HALPASSO L-883218 checking all buildings enroute. Arriving on their objective at 0815A hours, they established defensive positions there. The third platoon of "A" company of the battalion moved out from vicinity L-884199 at 0800A hours and proceeded to L-861208, closing at 0855A hours. The third platoon of "C" company of the battalion moved out from the vicinity of L-884199 at 0815A hours to L-867212, closing at 0906A hours. The first platoon of "A" company of the battalion moved from the vicinity of L-886208 at 0830A hours to the vicinity of L-867214, closing at 0855A hours. From these positions the platoons harassed hill 720, hill 688, hill 567 and the CASTELNUOVO feature. They also fired on targets of opportunity and as requested by the infantry. During the course of the day they expended 400 rounds of 76mm and received 288 rounds of enemy counter mortar and artillery fire. We sustained no casualties or damage. At 1800A hours, all units, on order of the Commanding Officer of the East sub-sector of the B.E.F., returned to their original positions, closing at 1710A hours. The Brazilian anti-tank platoon reverted to its parent organization as of 1720A hours.

The attack on MONTE CASTELLO having failed, no further diversions were ordered and the battalion resumed its former role, one of preparedness to assist the B.E.F. in offensive operations. Brigadier General Daniel, Assistant Division Commander, visited the battalion on the 15th of December. Captain Bostock of the Eleventh South African Armored Brigade, on the 15th of December, delivered three talks to members of the battalion entitled "Introduction to South Africa and the South African Soldier". The second platoon of "D" company closed at Service Company, reverting to battalion control on the 16th of December.

As of 0600A hours the twenty first of December, the battalion was relieved from attachment to the First Infantry Division of the B.E.F. and reverted to the control of the IV Corps. "A" company of the 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion minus its second platoon was attached to the battalion. The new mission given the battalion was to render direct support to the First Infantry Division of B.E.F. throughout its sector. The battalion's new mission necessitated the rearranging of certain units of the battalion. The C.P. of "B" company moved to L-880181 and the C.P. of "C" and "D" companies moved to L-887144. The second platoon of "A" company moved to L-845191 and the second platoon "D" company moved to L-887144, the second platoon of "B" company moved to L-882181. The second platoon of "C" company moved to L-851188. The first platoon of "D" company moved to L-884188. The third platoon of "B" company moved from its indirect firing position to L-880199. The third platoon of "C" company moved to L-843185. The third platoon of "D" company

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moved to L-558184. "A" company 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion moved one platoon to the vicinity of L-558185 and the other platoon to L-558182. The movements to the new positions were completed without incident.

On December 22nd the C.P. of the 13th Tank Battalion was re-established at L-580131. Throughout December 22-24, a party from the battalion, accompanied by members of the G-3 section of the B. E.F., visited all Regimental, Battalion, Company and Platoon Commanders in the sectors where units of the Battalion were located and established liaison for the employment of these units in support of the Infantry. The 98th Armored Field Artillery Battalion conducted a school on the V.T. Fuse at 1100A hours on the 25th of December which three of our officers attended. Christmas Day was uneventful. All the personnel of the battalion enjoyed a hot turkey dinner. In the case of five platoons, which were so located that the personnel could not come to the kitchen, the food was taken to the men in containers.

In the early part of December the Battalion was prepared to assist the Brazilians in any offensive action on the CASTELNUOVO feature or along route #84. When the Brazilians gave up any immediate plans for further offensive operations, the Battalion was given the mission of supporting it in its defense of the sector assigned to it. During December, contact with the enemy consisted of artillery and mortar fire, which caused casualties to the extent of one Enlisted Man killed in action and four lightly wounded in action. Heavy artillery concentrations on the first platoon of "B" company damaged a tube on one M-4A1 75mm, necessitating its replacement, while the air cleaners on all other tanks of the platoon were damaged and had to be replaced. All tanks were severely scored from fragments. One M-4A1 75mm tank of the first platoon of "G" company suffered a direct hit on the rear deck during a mortar barrage in vicinity of GAGGIO MONTANO, causing a fire and slight damage. In addition to working with units of the 6th South African Armored Division and the First Infantry Division of the B.E.F., the battalion has also worked with Task Force "48", the Second Armored Group and the 424th Field Artillery Group.

For the Battalion Commander,

Joseph M. Boucher
JOSEPH M. BOUCHER,
1st Lt., 13th Tank Bn.,
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SECTION II - OPERATIONS

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DATE: 1 December 1964.

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0630	N.T.R. for activity during the night for Co. "A" 2 & 3 Plats and 3rd Plat of Co "B".		Info.
1130	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1330	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1745	2 Plat "A" Co 13th moved to 649199 from 659202, 1st Plat 00/A/13 "A" Co 13th moved from 649199 to 659202. Relief of Plats started at 1700A, closed at 1720A.		S-3/13
1805	The I.L.H. (South Africans) called their L.O. Lt. Selby to arrange for a fighting patrol to investigate MALPASSO.	LO/SAAD	S-3/13
1800	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1855	Patrol to MALPASSO by I.L.H. called off. B.E.F. notified.	LO/SAAD	S-3/13
2 December 1964			
0635	All quiet and N.T.R. for the period 2200-0630 for 3rd Plat "D" Co and 1st & 3rd Plats "A" Co.		Info.
0900	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1120	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1121	Lt. Thompson sent in one man, an Italian Civilian, who was injured. He was turned over to B.E.F. C.I.O.		Info.
1145	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1146	Patrol to MALPASSO this AM. Out at 1300, in 1500.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1950	The enemy shelled LISSANO and vic (662205) with approx. 130 rds of mortar and arty. 1 KIA, 2 WIA (REF).	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2105	A large enemy patrol has been reported at 575181, South West of LAOA.	Rr/13	Fwd/13
2130	Patrol to MALPASSO returned. All Quiet. Otherwise NTR.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2125	Ray Patrol reported at 575181 was engaged and dispersed. Did not cross our lines.	LUGAR	S-3/13

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DATE: 2 December 1944.

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
2340	1st Bn 11th Inf BEF being attacked - started at 2305. 9th Co 11th Regt reported that an attack was launched against it at 2320. Considerable S/A fire.	LUXAR 3	S-3/13

3 December 1944.

0035	L.O. Westfield 3 reported that above movement was launched against BOMBIANO, drawing back later to 576183 with other clashes at 575181 and 568178. Seemed to be sharp assault raids, possibly to cover something else. Things are quietening down now. We are doing some firing.	Rr/13	S-3/13
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0405	Eny attacked 9th Co 11th Regt and 1st Bn 11th Regt at The 9th Co has withdrawn to 575181, enemy has penetrated our lines between 9th Co and 1st Bn. Situation seems to be serious.	LUXAR 3	00/13
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0510	Counter-attack continues. Lt Gaylord is now firing on GRANELLA (57471805). Co "A" 751st has withdrawn due to closeness of situation. BEF reports 1 Co 11th Regt is pulling back - not known where. Bombiana and cemetery secure. 7th Co still hold positions via 585195, 581191, and 588189.	Rr/13	Fed/13
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0630	Nothing to report for period 2200-0630 from Cos A & B.		Info.
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0830	GRANELLA (57471805) attacked from 4 points, namely 573194, 569188, 576194 & 575185 in good strength. Apparently for infiltration. Tanks formerly in GRANELLA withdrew. Present location unknown. Bombiana quiet. Some minor clashes. T.D.s still in Bombiana. Also quiet around our O.P. as of 0545. Report from IV Corps (only rumor) that BEF withdrew from Bombiana.	Rr/13	S-3/13
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0915	Nothing to report.	S-3/13	T.F.N.
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1000	Front lines of 370th and BEF as of 0900 from overlay telephoned from 68th F.A. Bn.	Rr/13	S-3/13
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1330	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
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1500	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
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DATE: 3 December 1944 (Cont.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1230	The following are last reported points forming the REF line in the Bombiani area: Cemetery, 583189, 583174, 574170, 570174, 567178. (By Capt. Merrill)	Rr/13	S-3/13
2000	Flares; enemy observed from Belvedere fired in direction of LISSANO. Enemy troops movement observed at FLETRO COLOGRA (598220) and ROGUA PITIGLIANO (615207) M/Gs fired on REF 4th Co from 598220. Civilian reports mines at 597210-599210. Enemy observed on hill 702 (664222) and CAPPASSO (647215).	LUGAR 3	S-3/13
2000	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
4 December 1944.			
0630	All quiet during the period 2200-0630 for 1st & 2nd Plats "A" Co and 3rd Plat "B" Co.		Info
0900	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1100	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1200	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1200	want to fire on suspected large German Patrol at MAL-PASSO.	6 SAAD	S-3/13
1202	OK to fire on them. Checked with T.F.N. and they have no patrol there.	S-3/13	6 SAAD
1330	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1530	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2030	Nothing to report. 15 mine eq 75mm landed in Il SASSA this afternoon.		Info.
5 December 1944.			
0630	Nothing to report for the period 2200-0630 for Cos A, B.		Info.
0845	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1010	G-3 IV Corps called and wanted positions of our elements necessary for planning to have these positions.	KEYSTONE	S-3/13

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DATE: 5 December 1944 (Con't)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1115	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1215	Col/ Poud called and wanted exact positions and missions of 13th Tank Battalion.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1315	Working party (any) heard via 671212 last night. Request clearance to fire on during this AM.	422	S-3/13
1318	Clearance obtained from TFW and passed to 422.	T.F.N.	422
1330	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1405	Patrol left from LISIANO to go to MALPASSO to inspect gate movements.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1420	In the future call 54 TAG thru 422 Arty and advise of any patrols, U.S. or B.K.F. going out on Hwy #64 of that vicinity.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1700	Patrol back from MALPASSO and LANEDA di SOTTO reports nothing unusual.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1745	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2010	Beginning immediately, combat pilots of the 22nd TAG will make individual flights during day light hours along present bomb line from the LIGURIAN SEA to Hwy #9 to familiarize themselves with ground positions. East bound flights will be above light flak range. West bound flights will be as low as 2000 ft above ground level of friendly territory. Pilots will be briefed thoroughly to commit no unfriendly acts, since these flights will usually be made in conjunction with operational sorties. Subject to change due to weather. It is not possible to establish a set schedule. Notify all concerned.	IV Corps	S-3/13
6 December 1944.			
0630	Nothing to report for the period 2200-0630 for Cos A,B.		Info.
1050	Brig. Gen. Grealy paid O.P. a visit.		Note
1200	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1345	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1346	6th Bn to relieve 1st Bn tonight and tomorrow nite.	T.F.N.	S-3/13

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DATE: 6 December 1944 (Cont.).

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1245	20 men dressed in gray with packs on their backs seen via 67312131. 2 apparently laying wire across river to 6 SAAD side.	TAC 54	S-3/13
1250	T.F.N. is organizing patrol to go investigate.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1310	Actual count on men is 27. (Passed to TFN).	TAC 54	S-3/13
1415	Strong fighting patrol has left to investigate. With the T.F.N. patrol is a radio with contact with How. Co.		S-3/13
1750	Ammunition quote reduced to 40 rnds per gun per day effective 1800 hrs. 6 Dec 44 by 27 Corps order 1630.	Fr/13	Fr/13
1545	Fighting patrol returned. Some digging noted via MAL-PASSO, otherwise Nothing to report.	TFN	S-3/13
1800	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
7 December 1944.			
0630	Nothing to report for the period 2200-0630 for Cos A.R.		Info.
0915	Patrol to leave LISSANO at 1030 Hrs. Otherwise N.T.R.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
0930	Coordinates of local houses and identifications of points on our right flank: VILROMA- 66202120, O.PALMA- 67202126, COLI - 67142120 BELVEDERE- 67362130, MALFASSO- 67142140, MOLINO- 67602135.	TAC 54 6 SAAB	S-2/13
1130	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1215	Maj.Gen. Orittenburger paid visit to C.P.		Note.
1630	Col. Lacy called and stated the Corps Comdr told him some of the boys of Co "A", 13th Tk Bn were eating cold "O" Rations. Is this a failure of supply?	IV Corps Key-4	S-3/13
1640	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2115	A Brazilian soldier just came up and informed us that the Germans have dropped Parachutists in the REGIA area. Do you have this report?	422 Fd Bn	S-3/13

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DATE: 7 December 1944 (Con't.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
2130	We checked with our friends (TFN), a parachute was dropped at approx 1630; it was a small parachute and a small bundle attached to it. The REF doubled their guard in the mean time. That's the story as they have it here. Some one evidently got a hold of the story and added a bit more to it.	S-3/13	422 FA Bn.
2135	The 11th Bde (6 SAAD) reported 1 patroler being dropped Major in your area. What do you know about this. IV Corps just Adair Called me. Answer: We know the story, nothing to it.		OO/13
2145	15 rmds 105mm dropped via 657212 (1st Co-1st Bn 6 Regt) this evening. Otherwise N.T.R. in T.F.N. Sector.	T.F.N.	S-3/13

8 December 1944/

0630	For the period 2200-0630 for CCs A,B, N.T.R.		Info.
0930	NTR during the night to present time.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1100	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1815	Nothing to report for T.F.N. Sector. How Co Communication Sgt saw a light coming from the castle (across the way) and says its a flashing light in morse code.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2010	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
2130	How Co will be taken away tomorrow for an indefinite period. This leaves the T.F.N. without any arty support Support from 3rd Group was also shut off.	T.F.N.	S-3/13

9 December 1944.

0630	N.T.R. for period 2200-0630 for Cos A, B.		Info.
0635	It has come to the attention of this Hq that civilians in this division area have knowledge of contemplated operations. This knowledge has proven in most cases to be quite detailed, including dates. It is directed that all personnel be instructed that security discipline is most important to future operations and must be maintained at the highest level. Security will be particularly stressed at this time (Ref'd 2000A 8 Dec.)	CG/1stAD	OO/13
0900	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1100	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13

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DATE: 9 December 1944 (Con't.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1230	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1300	Patrols will leave at 1300 for SAPPASASSO and CANTONIERA. (Msg passed to 422 - 11 Bde).	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1315	A patrol will go to PREGARIA and remain all night. To return at first light in the morning.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1600	Patrol back from SAPPASASSO. Reached point 674 (648219) without incident; Threw hand grenade into house which brought sniper and mortar fire from vic dual North. Patrol returned safely.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1615	How. Co will move out tonight after dark. T.F.N. loses control. Counterbattery was received last night for about 4 hours from 2100-0100. 2 men wounded.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1800	Patrol back from CANTONIERA with one POW. More information later.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1845	5 man enemy patrol in boat crossed river via 67252120 at 1700 hrs. Our elements fired on them and sent patrol after them.	3/370	S-3/13
1900	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Civilians report Germans to be removing their communications in IOLA - 5722 square. 2. Many enemy observed going in direction of MONESI 5524 square. 3. Patrol went to TOORAZZO, 6523 square. this point is considered No Man's Land. 4. Civilians occupy house at 562183. Report no enemy in area in 25 days. 5. Strong enemy resistance on right flank of IV Corps with scattered arty reported in center and left sector. 6. Counter-attack drove us from hill 445 at 791278, tho we still hold hill 431 at 769279. 7. It is believed enemy is reinforcing area 7828 square. Noticeable enemy activity, reinforcements, and movements of supply noted. 8. Enemy ambushed one of our patrols at 812281- lost 1 officer and 3 enlisted men. 9. No Prisoners of War for period. 	<p>S-3/13 Rr-13th</p>	
1920	Our area was just shelled, one man slightly injured, the jeep was damaged slightly. We believe this shelling was by high-velocity arty. We believe we were shelled from vic USTELNUOVO.	00/0/13	00/13

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DATE: 10 December 1944.

TIME:	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0630	For the period 2230-0630 for Co A, S, MTR.		Info.
1000	Would like to have the estimated number of rounds to be used by tanks other than arty role in the coming operation.	IV CORPS	Ex.O./13
0930	Major Malverio arrived at G.P. to give talks to Bn on Brazil and its resources.		Info.
1130	Last night's patrol to PREGARIA returned today to LA SERRA by way of hill 674 (SAFRASSO) reporting very little activity and MTR during the night at PREGARIA.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1145	Called Kentucky and gave estimated ammo expenditures for tanks in coming operation, those which will not be employed in an arty role: 76mm HE - 600 rds; 75mm HE - 1,500 rds; 37mm HE - 600 rds; .30 Cal - 30,000 rds.	Ex O/13	Ev-4 (IV Corps Arty)
1515	Nothing to report.	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1515	Patrol to MALPASSO now. (Passed to 370th)	T.F.N.	S-3/13
1745	60 rds (mixed) egg shells came in during last hour.	1/A/13	Exec/13
2036	Did you get the info that one of your men and one of ours were injured and need evacuation. We've tried to get transportation and so far have not been able to do so. Answer: How serious are the casualties? We will send an ambulance up for the men.	Master Newhauser 751 T&Bn	S-3/13
2100	One enemy plane strafed bridge at PONTE DELLE VENTURENA at 1800A hrs. no casualties to our elements. Also unknown number of enemy planes dropped personnel bombs at 81-24 square and 81-22 square.	IV Corps	Rr/13
2110	Same as above.	Rr/13	Fwd/13
2115	We have learned that you need medical attention.	Ass't S9 Capt Deal	Lt Gaylord 3/B/13.
2116	We have one man with a bruise, 751st has one man KIA and 3 WIA which have been evacuated. We can wait until morning, but we will have to take care of the body.	Lt Gaylord 3/B/13	Capt. Deal

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DATE: 10 December 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2045	Inform the people that called us reference casualties (1 EM KIA, 3 WIA of 751 Tr Bn & 1 EM WIA from 2/15) that we contacted our people up there and learned that what ever we can do can wait until morning; you can notify them of their KIA.	CG/15	Capt. Merrill Eq. Co. 15th

11 December 1944.

0630	NTR for the period 2230-0630 for Co's A and B.		Info.
0935	Reference message 2100A 10 Dec, say also dropped bomb killing 15 persons, mostly civilians, in PORRETTA FERME.	Ry/15	Fwd/15
0950	Contents of O.L.F. dated 100000 ZFN:	ZFN	3-3/15
	(1). At H Hour, strong patrols will advance on the axis BOGASSIO-FREGARIA-Pt 720, M.GAVALLORO-ORVESTARY-Pt 448, LISSANO - L.I. SOPRA.		
	(2). Intense MG fire and automatic fire weapons will fire on CASTELNUOVO -Pt 720, 628 and 667. Fire will be from other than present positions.		
	(3). 15th Tr Bn will fire on positions mentioned in Par. 2 and targets of opportunity.		
	(4). Some arty support available for tanks; by L/O with arty Off w/ZFN.		
	(5). One Flat BEP anti-tank Co placed under command 15th Tr Bn.		
	(6). Limiting line of attack: Pt 690, pt 448, G.I. di Sopra- MALPASSO.		
	(7). General withdrawal to start line without order at 1400.		
	(8). D-Day and H-Hour to be given.		
	(9). Radio Traffic to increase at H-30 by code, to be issued.		
1100	Nothing to report.	ZFN	3-3/15
1145	Flat Ldr A/T Flat will be at this CP for Res with Reco. Off, at about 1300.	ZFN	3-3/15
1420	Reference msg 2045A 11 Dec, upon checking we had 1 EM KIA and 1 WIA. 751st had 1 KIA and 3 WIA.	CG/15	3-3/15
1400	A 10 man patrol leaving now to go to blow and survey for mines. Tonight, starting about 1500 hours BEP Mgrs will start work on repairing the by-pass. Trucks will carry stone to the blow (67815) each 1/2 hour. (Passed to 11 Brigade and 370th Inf.)	ZFN	3-3/15

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DATE: 11 December 1944 (Con't.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1850	L/O from 11 Bde suggested that his squadron might be of some assistance to the attack by support with fire across from their area. Generally via L-673233, 678233, 684243, 687266.	L/O 6 SA	8-3/15
1900	Requested will be laid on and inform Lt Hopkins (L/O 8 SA) that the tank fire he discussed will be fired.	Bde Maj 11 Bde	00/15
1945	Any patrol contacted partisan outpost at 0420 hrs (location not given), a fire fight resulted and the enemy withdrew firing 2 red flares which was followed by 100 rnds of med and invy arty.	IV Corps via Br/15	8-3/15
1945	D-Day and H-Hour time received.	SPN	8-3/15
12 December 1944.			
0650	Truck that was reported struck in bypass is now out. REF Regt TFN worked from 1930 to 0515 and put down 6 truck loads of stone. This side of pass reported rather soft and 2 ft of water in bed of creek. Other side hard.		8-3
0700	Bn CO informs us that one of his patrols will go for houses TFN at L-654222 which are 125 meters S of Pt 720, this is beyond the previous No Fire Line.		8-3/15
0725	A/T Plat reported at L-35 stone with 1 minesweeper. All OK. TFN		8-3/15
0800	3rd Platoon Co "A" ordered to move out (from L-654199).	CO "A"	Exec Off
0815	3rd Platoon Co "B" moved out (from L654199)	CO "C"	S-3
0855	Report that Patrol is now at via G. IREDA di SOPRA L-669219. TFN		8-3/15
0855	1st and 3rd Plats Co "A" in position and firing. Observation CO "A" Fair, let Plat L-667214, 3rd Plat L-661208.		Exec Off TFN
0906	3rd Plat Co "C" across blow and in position via L-676215.	8-3/15	Ex Off TFN
0937	2 rnds arty on our positions via MALPASSO. Conditions satisfactory.	00/15	8-3/15
0950	6 med rnds any arty fall via L-660210 in last 10 minutes.	4/15	8-3/15
1005	Any arty very light request targets that Brazilians can give us.	4/15	8-3/15
1025	Forward positions REF at 576192 & 565188, Fed positions L-579191 & 575192.	L/O 6 SA	8-3/15

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DATE: 12 December 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1045	Hill 449 occupied, O I di SOPRA occupied, other group 200 met. South of houses via 654222 and still going. Have been ordered to dig in and prepare positions. No resistance.	TFN	8-3/13
1127	No date, 8 rmds arty and 8 rmds mortar total arty which fell via forward tanks positions.	00/A/13-8-3/13	
1220	9 Co via L-655179 and rec'd fire, 7 Co East from L-666 to 575 (S of 19 N). Personnel in ABATIA L-678179 and 685194 as of 1040.	LUCAR	8-3/13
1250	Re on left of M. COSTELLO on line BOMBIANO, point 664181 and QUANELLA. The 6th Co held up by VITELLINO. 6th Co on VITELLINO LA CA line (677165) withdrawing to LA CA. Men reached 655190 at EOLFO and point 805 were forced to withdraw. Elements of reserve. Do any rescuing. Situation not too good.	G-3 REF-8-3/13	
1315	Friends are resuming attack on M. COSTELLO. Jumped off approx 1500A. Patrol to ROCCA CORNETA received 8/A fire short of town Merrill 15th have returned to QUEBIOIA. received considerable mortar and arty fire.	Capt. KI OFF	
1415	At 1000A Lt Beatty 2nd Plt D/13 proceeded from Bombiano to 674178, held up there reasons unknown.	Ry/13	Pod/13
1430	Patrol that had been in position via 654221 has withdrawn due to heavy M/G and Mortar fire. 2 EM WIA. Elements on hill 449 still there and in good shape. 3 arty patrols seen coming up to via BOCCACCIO.	TFN	8-3/13
1500	Begin to infiltrate to rear at 1800A.	00/13	00 3/0/13
1535	Request permission to fire on houses at L-653222 when clear of friendly infantry.	A/13	Rx Off 13th
1540	It is alright to fire any time you can observe it.	Rx/13	A/13
1640	All elements returned to start line. All secure.	TFN	8-3/13
1650	3 Plt 0/13 moved from Via L-675213 at 1600, closed L-655199 at 1645A hours.	00/0/13-8-3/13	
1710	1st Plt A/13 moved from L-665214 at 1610 to L-659203 closed at 1645A. 3rd Plt A/13 moved from L-661207 at 1630A, closed at L-656199 at 1700A hours.	80/A/13-8-3/13	
2000	Nothing to report.	TFN	8-3/13

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12th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 15 December 1944.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0630	Nothing to report for the period 2200 to 0630 for A, B Cos.		Info.
0900	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/15
1045	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/15
1315	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/15
1620	Our OPs have observed increased movement in 68-25, 67-22 and 68-22 squares. He engaged some of these targets and have done considerable shooting.	422 SA Arty.	3-3/15
1630	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/15
1945	Our W/C firing harassing fire from the 0600195 and 060194 on an azimuth of 510 mills.	3/370	3-3/15
2130	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/15

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0630	Nothing to report for period 2230 to 0630 for A & B Cos.		Info.
1000	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/15
1100	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/15
1830	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/15
1830	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/15
1845	IV Corps advised TFN that "Artificial Moonlight" will be used tonight in this sector along axis Highway #4.	TFN	3-3/15
1715	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/15
1940	Ecise, vehicle movement, horse drawn equipment have been reported at the following locations during the day: L-610214, L-617215, L-622217 (BRAINE). The Ben Sector BEF is lightly held, we are going to put arty fire on these points to check further developments.	3-3 BEF	3-3/15
2120	We have captured a German prisoner and we have information that the Germans are attacking the South Africans tonight and this side of the valley is to be attacked tonight.	3-3 BEF	3-3/15
2122	We received the same report and we will send patrols to MAL-PASSO throughout the night.	TFN	3-3/15
2150	Messages of 2120 and 2122 above.	3-3/15	3/370

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DATE: 15 December 1944.

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0630	Nothing to report for Co's A & B during the period 2230A to 0630A hours.		Info
0930	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13
1130	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13
1200	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13
1200	Capt. Postock of 11th SA Arm'd Brigade delivered a lecture to Co "A" at 1000A hours. One scheduled for 1330 and another for 1500 hours also.		Info
1400	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13
1500	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13
1700	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13
1800	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13
2000	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13

16 December 1944.

0630	Nothing to report for period 2230 to 0630 for Co's A&B.		Info
1045	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13
1100	2nd Plat Co "D" closed via Serv Co (L-595089) leaving former positions at 1000A hours.	Rr/13	3-3/13
1200	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13
1315	<p>1. Effective 162400A report of tank or armor status now being submitted by 1st BEF Div and TF 45 will instead be submitted direct to this Hqs by Hqs concerned.</p> <p>2. Report will be phones to Keystone 3 prior to 2400A hrs each day.</p> <p>3. Report will contain the status of 11 vehicles under headings "A", "B", "U", "X"; these letters will indicate the status as follows: "A" - operationally fit; "B" - repaired in 24 hours; "U" - repaired more than 24 hours; "X" - knocked out.</p> <p>4. TF 45 will continue reporting the status of tanks of Hqs, 2nd Armored Group.</p>	IV CORPS	Rr/13
1325	Same as above.	Rr/13	Fwd/13
1600	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13
1800	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13
2000	Nothing to report.	TFN	3-3/13

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DATE: 17 December 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0900	Nothing to report	TFN	S-3/15
1130	Nothing to report	TFN	S-3/15
1315	Nothing to report	TFN	S-3/15
1300	40 rounds landed via L-665205.		Info.
1525	Nothing to report	TFN	S-3/15
1700	Nothing to report	TFN	S-3/15
1900	Nothing to report	TFN	S-3/15
2100	Enemy shooting rifle grenades from a position between BOSCASIO and MONTEAVALARO at M. CAVALORO. We used our trip flares to investigate by light and found nothing.	TFN	S-3/15

18 December 1944

0630	Nothing to report for period 2230-0630.		Info
09000	Nothing to report	TFN	S-3/15
1100	Nothing to report	TFN	S-3/15
1300	Nothing to report	TFN	S-3/15
1500	Nothing to report	TFN	S-3/15

19 December 1944

0845	Inform "A" Co, 123rd Ord that they were detached from IV Corps and reverted to 1st AD as of 2400 last night. They are to send a billeting party to contact Col. Johnson at CALNEANO and deal directly with 1st AD from now on.	Keystone G-3	S-3/15
0850	Inform Platoon Leader of "A" 123rd Ord now with Ser Co of the above message for relay to his CO.	Pld/15	Rr/15
0900	Nothing to report.	TFN	S-3/15
1100	Nothing to report.	TFN	S-3/15
1300	Nothing to report.	TFN	S-3/15
1500	Nothing to report.	TFN	S-3/15
1700	2 my tks seen on road via L-617245 at 0900A this date.	1/D/15	S-3/15
2225	AI reports flare North of his position, Brazilian fire in that direction. No enemy fire.	1/A/15	S-3/15

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DATE: 20 December 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0630	Nothing to report, for period 2230-0630 for "A" & "B" Cos.	TFW	S-3/13
0650	Nothing to report.	TFW	S-3/13
1000	Nothing to report.	TFW	S-3/13
1150	Strong patrol to Ft 702 tends to investigate - also other movements in left sector.	TFW	S-3/13
1155	It is agreeable with the Brazilian Subsector commander of this CO/13 area to fire to the direct front providing no fire is placed West or South of the following line: 65 Easting, to 225 Northing to 67 Easting to L-670220 to L-684220.		SSB(6 SA)
1255	You can move your tanks when you wish, with the exception of the TDs on the left. The attachments and detachments will be effective 0600 21 Dec.	Col Curtis G-5, IV Corps	CO/13
1310	Is there any qualification as to moving the platoon that is in an arty role at present.	CO/13	G-3/IV C
1312	It is alright to move them as long as the arty people are informed.	IV Corps	CO/13
1315	You can start movement as soon as it is convenient to you.	CO/13	CO/0/13
1320	Move your tanks via ford rather than the RICLA Bridge.	CO/13	CO/0/13
1405	We are authorized to start movement any time we see fit. The group Lt Lesko has in PALAZZO can be released any time as far as we are concerned, and we will send a group that corresponds to Lesko's group, but we would like to get in before your people come out.	CO/13	S-3/751
1710	2 Plat A/13 moved from L-649189 at 1445 closed L-643190 at 1515A.	CO/A/13	S-3/13
2050	2nd Plat "B"/13 closed L-551188 at 2050A.	CO/B/13	S-3/13
2200	Nothing to report.	TFW	S-3/13
21 December 1944			
0600	1st Plat of "A" Co reports a white flare went up at LESGANO (L-663205) at 0645 hours. Friendly B/A fire heard for several minutes.	1/1/13	S-3/13
0120	1st Plat "C" Co established contact with "C" Co.	CO/0/13	CO/13
0130	1st Platoon "D" Co closed.	CO/D/13	CO/13
0630	Nothing to report for period 2230 to 0630.	TFW	S-3/13

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DATE: 21 December 1944 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0900	Nothing to report.	TFN	S-3/15
0955	Bumpy aircraft overhead.	LOGAR	S-3/15
1040	IV Corps call informed TFN that a brigade of Parachutists has been dropped somewhere in the ITALIAN THEATRE. No further information.	TFN	S-3/15
1100	Nothing to report.	TFN	S-3/15
1120	Lt McCre is in Bambiano same place as other mediums were. Unable to proceed due to roads. Capt Weinberg is going to contact 85F Regt for some work on road.	Major Elliott	S-3/15
1130	3 man B57 Patrol leaving via LISSANO at 1300A to GANTONIRA (673814) and MALPASO (673815) to return at 1600A.	TFN	S-3/15
1235	Patrol leaving L-661196 at 1300A and going to L-648205 and L-675206, to return at 1500. Mission, RCE.	422(SA)	S-3/15
1300	Used 15 rds 75 HR.	1/2/15	S-3/15
1305	2nd Flat C/15 closed 1730.	9/15	S-3/15
1305	3rd Flat B/15 closed at 1740.	7/15	S-3/15
2000	Nothing to report.	TFN	S-3/15
2200	Nothing to report.	TFN	S-3/15
22 December 1944.			
0630	Nothing to report for period 2220 to 0630.		Info
0840	CP Fed moved to L-580151 at 0805, closed 0855.	09/15	S-3/15
1015	We have just been given a RED aircraft warning.	LOGAR	S-3/15
1020	Same as above.	S-3/15	Ser, G, D.
1055	Are sending 100 rds of propaganda shells (Christmas Greetings) to your Rr CP today. These will be fired tomorrow. More details later.	S-3/68	S-3/15
1330	10 rds est 75mm dropped via L-885146 during PW, 35 rds est C/15 106 harassing fire dropped via L-887146 during the day. Par-tisan reported having seen, 30 yds N of GRAT; 3 gas 105 at L-8442348, 1 150 at 54782285, 3 75s at 52141980, 1 75 at 53061937, 1 75 at 52991947, 1 150 at L-54001992.	9/15	S-3/15
1100	CP designated at vic L-580151(WRASEL), L-648199 (W Fed).	09/15	S-3/15

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DATE: 23 December 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1800	Run Patrol to LA SPIAGGA consist of 80 men. ROUTE: LISSANO, O.IAREDA di SOTTO, O IAREDA di SOPRA, LA SPAGOGIA. Leaving 1800A 23 Dec returning at dawn 24 Dec. Patrol to move in 2 sections of 10 men each.	TFN	2-3/15
1850	Adv msg. Sent to G SA and 2nd Lt 570th Inf.	2-3/15	G SA
1900	Temporary arrangements with the 751st Tr Bn for supporting fire from our 1st Plat A Co 894th TD Bn. If a when fire is needed 751st will notify 19th Tr Bn who will in turn notify "A" Co CO and 1st Plat "A" Co. 751st will do work direct with the 1st Plat for firing, plotting, fire missions. S.S. of 751st will contact "A" Co Plat and arrange for radio location. Positions of 751st are following: 1st Plat at L-52133, 1st Plat "D" at L-506135, 2nd Plat A/894 TD at L-495140, 1st Plat A/894 TD at L-52132, but go to positions L-502142 and L-495141 to fire. Co "B" 751 at LISSANO.	2-3/15	Info.
1900	751st Co Cdr "A"/894 TD and Plt Ldr 1st Plt Co A/894 notified of the above.	2-3/15	Info
1900	Arrangements made for Lt Smith GS FA to pick up one 108mm Tank howitzer at 0800 and 100 rads Prop ammo.	2-3/15	Info
1900	Patrol of 2 groups of 10 men leaving LISSANO now to IAREDA (See msg above 1800A 23 Dec same source).	TFN	2-3/15
1915	7 TDs for duty, 1 over 48 hrs, 33 KM 2 Off for duty.	A/894 TD	2-3/15
1900	1st Plt C Co reports 15 rads est 108mm fell on SS sector GAGGIO via L-554167 between 0850-0950. 2nd Plt C Co reports 10 rads est 180mm fell via by-pass L-573187 between 1800 and 1700 (passed on to GS and IV Corps.)	C/15	2-3/15
1950	Query on what time they wanted periodic closed. Decision was up to CO/15.	2-3/15	IV Corps
1955	At 1915 6 rads light arty landed via MARANO Bridge, Cn from L-52131. (passed to 65 ARTY).	15/Adv	2-2
2030	1st Signal reports 2 civilians from VERGATO state there are about 15/20 tanks in VERGATO. They moved in recently.	2/2/15	CO/15
2115	Locate these civilians, hold them until we can pick them up.	CO/2/15	2/2/15
2130	Msg of 2030 to G SA, DEP, and HQ 15.	2-2/15	Units
2300	5 rads Med arty landed via L-505135 and PORETTA from 2800 to 2345. Cn heard firing from North East.	2-2/15	IV Corps G B O

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<u>DATE:</u>		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
24 December 1944			
<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>		
1020	Will you send a runner out to contact Col. Gardiner and have him call Col. Curtiss, G-5 IV Corps at Keytowne Adv 43.	G-5/IV C	2-3/15
1230	2 civilians who reported tanks in VERGATO last night were interrogated at this CP. No confirmation of that original report; the only tanks they report seeing were 2 in CASTEL D'ALIANA area, and they were moving North.	2-3/15	2-3/15
1350	Col. Pond will visit your CP some time this afternoon. Will you take up with him the matter of which we speak this morning? He will then pass the info to me.	G-5/IV C	2-3/15
1440	Sending out 3 patrols tonight, 2 of 7 men and 1 of 3: 1st Patrol going to G. IANNO di SOPRA - 8 men 2nd Patrol going to G. IANNO di SOPRA - 8 men 3rd Patrol going to MALPASSO - 7 men. All patrols leaving from LISSANO, let going at 1700A, the missions: Ambush; Patrols to capture PWs, will probably spend the night there. The above patrols will leave nightly at same time.	TFW	2-3/15
1700	Above message.	2-3/15	CG/15, 5/STO
25 December 1944.			
1015	Col. Fritchard is having a school on VI Base at 1100 hrs, has room for 3 officers. He will arrange with AOs for NCOs.	HQ/88	2-3/15
1708	1 rd est 105 landed via L-567121.	2-3/15	424 FA Gp
1725	Would appreciate comments, as a result of any visits to BEF, or any recommendations or observations you may have.	Col. Stephenson	CG/15
1720	No more KENTUCKY, call KETTLE.	2-3/15	15/Adv.
1800	Lt McGee to be relieved by Lt Beatty tomorrow morning same time. No change in tanks or personnel.	CG/D/15	CG/15
2050	All quiet in the 1st and 3rd Plat. BEF told LIEDEMAN that 2 rds HE 75 and 1 rd Frpg dropped at 1650 hrs via of MARANDELLO (L-547128) this afternoon. NW of GAGGIO. The propaganda was in German.	CG/C/15	2-3/15
2110	Our telephone is out. There is a lot of activity to our right front, - bombing, strafing, M/G fire.	15/ADV	2-3/15
2112	About 11 rds landed about 2500 yds S of our position.	15/ADV	2-3/15
2115	That activity is nowhere near us. Nothing to worry about.	1/4/15	2-3/15
2116	I think that is the attack we were to pull last night. I will check. The attack was to be pulled via M. SOL.	16 Hopkins Base/Off	
2315	When plane was overhead there was a signal light in my rear. It was on for 1/2 min or so & blinked.	2/3/15	15/ADV

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13th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 26 December 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0720	Personnel from 2nd Plt D/13 moved from L-588144 to relieve 1st Plt Personnel D/13 at L-585183, move completed at 0700A.	CO-D/13	S-3/13
0945	Use of skid chains is advised for vehicles traveling on secondary roads. Chains may be used on Hwy #85.	CG/1AD	CO/13
1210	Shells that hit in area L-585187 at 1100A hrs were also heard in PALAZZO area, gun bang and shells came over at 8200 mils.	CO/A-13	Ex/13
1215	Abv msg.	S-3/13	CBO/424
1300	20 rnds est 105mm came in vic 1stvPlat C/13 L-587-144 between 1100 and 1200 hours.	CO/C/13	S-3/13
1315	Capt Crittenden accepted promotion to Major.	CO/13	Info
1358	CO C/13 reported tank vic L-588184.	CO/C/13	S-3/13
1400	Arty notified of above.	S/13	S-3/68
1435	6 rnds est 105 vic L-588168 set on fuse delay 1400A.	CO/C/13	S-3/13
1440	Abv Msg.	S-3/13	CBO/424
1530	Phone call from Lt Menemann, thru Capt Cameron: Tank is about 1700 yds away and I cannot shoot on it. BEP will bring arty down on it thru their OPs. Tank has fired some rounds. (passed to Capt Clay by Lt Boucher.)	Capt. Cameron	S-3/13
1605	Lt Schermerhorn reported at 1545 5 rnds any arty high velocity, mag azi 700 falling on his position. Other rnds (number undetermined) from same gun at same azimuth fell at 1553A, 1558A and 1602A, at L-588153.	CO/C/13	S-2/13
1610	Above message.	S-3/13	CBO/424
1625	S/D/13 reports 3 more rnds from same source as above.	CO/C/13	S-3/13
1630	Above message.	S-3/13	CBO/424

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13th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 26 December 1944

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1730	2/B/13 shelled this afternoon at 1420A; 6 rnds hit Plat CP, 20 more between CP and MARANO bridge. One man wounded. Cal est between 75 and 105mm.	CO/B/13	S-3/13
1810	At 1730 from 13th Corps; picked up an intercept that German planes will be over our front lines tonight. Germans will mark front lines by firing white flares every ten minutes.	LUGAR-3	S-3/13
1815	Above message passed to Adv CB, C, and D Cos).	S-3/13	Adv/13
1845	IV Corps informed TPN to be on the alert for any paratroopers that are supposed to be dropped in our general area tonight.	TPN	Adv/13
1815	21 rnds 81mm mortar fell vic GAGGIO MONTANO between 1700-1800. One direct hit on tank, set fire to back deck. Fire put out. Suffered little damage, no casualties.	CO/C/13	S-3/13

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1045	One tank (D Co) at BOMBIANO has broken volute spring D/13 not believed advisable to bring it down hill due to road conditions. Request permission to pull it out of position and repair it up there. Will require 1/2 day's work.	D/13	S-3/13
1730	Section of A/894 at LIVORNE report small env veh at L-564193 moving North, Section at BOMBIANO observed 1 env soldier at L-56852135 moving North.	A/894	S-3/13
1732	Above Message.	S-3/13	CBO/424
1735	Env Tk in cemetery at L-610256 (civ Report)	1/B/13	Adv/13
1845	1st Plat #B Co, reported 70 rnds of mortar on position in PALAZZO.	1/B/13	Adv/13
1930	Small Arms fire vic SNATA MARIA, flare seen vicinity PALAZZO. 1/13 reports flare to be friendly.	Adv/13	S-3/13
1916	Any activity in your area?	Ex/13	1/B/13
1917	Some S/A fire to our front. Our friends have sent up one flare.	1/B/13	Adv/13
1940	13th Corps intercepted radio msg; German planes will be over our lines tonight. They will mark front lines by firing white flare every 10 minutes.	GE/424	Adv/13

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DATE: 28 December 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1500	2/A/894 observed enemy personnel at house at 1450A coords; L-56842088.	A/894	8-3/13
1500	Lt Haber attached to 3/P/13 was LWA when stray shell landed at L-535135.	D/13	8-3/13
1715	During the 40 rnd cons which came in on Lt Liens- mann one hit house he lives in and one hit house some crew members live in; 2 mules killed. Liens- mann believes cause of shelling was due to undue exposure and grouping of peeps and personnel of Brazilians.	C/13	8-3/13
2110	8110. No vehicles moving from L-568208 to L-568108.	BEF-824	8-3/13
29 December 1944			
0830	Pending further instructions, all rest leaves & passes except emergency cases will be denied in order that every possible individual may be in- stantly available for combat operations.	IV Corps	8-3/13
1430	We want to lay defensive from our Rt and center companies on the road running along the river. Are the Brazilians still sending out patrols?	3/370	8-3/13 (Adv)
1438	Brazilians are not patrolling the road.	Ex 0/13	3/370
1508	3/A/13 moved from L-855198 at 1345 to positions vic L-858202, closing at 1410. 1st Plt A/13 moved from L-858202 at 1410 to L-855198, closing at 1445; all moves without incident.	CO/A/13	8-3/13
1825	Negative report on house at L-568208; one man obs at house at L-570201.	A/894	8-3/13
1821	I called Keystone and was told they wanted the Overlay tonight. I leave now and if the weath er is bad over on that side I may stay all night. (Carrying Defense Overlay).	Capt. Deal	CO/13
2150	590 rnds Light and Med Arty and 334 rnds mortar (all any) totaling 924 rnds is shell-repp so far for the BEF sector today. Most of it in rt hand sector.	LUGAR 3	8-3/13

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15th TANK BATTALION

DATE: 30 December 1944

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0645	Enemy S/A and mortar fire in valley West of AFFRICO.	B/15	Fwd/15
0655	5/11 receiving an attack on BRAINETTA (No further details).	Major Adair	8-3/13
0700	Abv Wsg.	8-3/13	Adv/15
0750	All quiet at BRAINETTA. Apparently just some mortar dropped on them and then some M/G fire fell. Adair No contact.		8-3/13
1410	PWs taken yesterday at CASSA ERCOLE, NW of GAGGIO Capt. at L-587175. Patrol to Meis yesterday afternoon Merrill at L-587210, no contact. Mortar and M/G fire received. Mortar came from L-601216, L-603219, L-600221, SANTA MARIA, PIETRO COLORA; M/G fire from L-589217.		Adv/15
1430	Abv PW reported from 4th Co, 1044 Inf Regt. Their Capt. Company was the only one involved in last night's Merrill shift.		Adv/15
1840	5/B/15 closed in position at PALAZZO at 1830.	5/B/15	Adv/15
1845	Above message.	Adv/15	CP/15
2000	Our friends who are here have a fire where they were. It was not started by shell fire. It was a stove or something, so if you see a big fire, don't worry about it.	2/B/15	Ex 0/15

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0800	Patrol to L-582174 and L-583175 observed enemy on Hill 1118, no contact, returned at 2300. Patrols to L-606213, L-604209, L-583175, L-583175, made no contact, observed abandoned positions, returned at 2300A hrs. Patrol to L-586209 and L-581215 could not go beyond L-587210 because of minefield; left engra to clear mines and went on their way to L-574189 without contact. Picked up 2 Braz corpses from previous attack. Patrol to L-583183 obs enemy and drew fire; no casualties, returned at 2300A hours. Considerable mortar, grenades (rifle) and arty fire in BOCCASSIO from 0200-0400, 4 casualties.	CP/15	Adv/15
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DATE: 31 December 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1255	Heard tanks moving in general area of your position, also gun firing at 322 degrees from our position. Are those any of your people moving around.	3/370	Adv/13
1305	The tank movement noise you heard was from our vehicles. They are running their engines but not moving.	Adv/13	3/370
1315	We have spotted a gun at L-640229; do you have anything in that area?	422	Adv/13
1320	Nothing there. OK to fire.	Adv/13	422
1410	2 Bess Majors (Armed Force) who speak some English will be down for a visit with your people.	0-3	It Lea
1835	Someone just ran through our outpost. We could not stop them.	A/13	Adv/13
1856	Send a patrol to the river and along the road.	Adv/13	A/13
1858	Someone just passed through 3/A/13. Be on the alert.	CO/A/13	1/A/13
1859	I received that msg from 3/A/13 and have a patrol out.	1/A/13	A/13
1920	Have searched road and found nothing.	3/A/13	A/13
1915	Send Vehicle in Ada Net and operator for installation of facsimile equipment tomorrow morning.	141 Sig	3-3/13
2000	2nd Plat replaced 1st Plat in GAGGIO at 1900A; completed without incident.	CO/C/13	3-3/13

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Office of the Battalion Commander
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By Auth: ~~CG 13th Tk Bn~~
: Initials *HEB*
: Date: 29 December 1944

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SUBJECT: Defense of This Area.

TO : Commanding General, IV Corps.

The 13th Tank Battalion and "A" Company 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion (- 1 platoon) has the mission of supporting the 1st B.F. in the defense of its sector.

Certain units now occupy positions from which to give direct support should enemy targets present themselves. Liaison in those cases has been established between the tank platoon leaders and the infantry company commanders on the spot as to what fires can be delivered and how they are to be requested.

All units of the Battalion as a matter of S.O.P. in forward areas maintain a twenty four hour guard on equipment and installations.

There is attached hereto a counter attack plan entitled PLAN "ALANQ" and overlay of present positions and proposed movements from which to supplement those units now in firing positions should an attack develop.

There is also attached hereto PLAN "PARACHUTE" covering steps to be taken in the event of parachute operations, enemy raiding parties, infiltration of enemy agents and local saboteurs.

HENRY E. GARDNER,
Lt. Col., 13th Tank Bn.,
Commanding.

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Date: 29 Dec 1944

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EMERGENCY PLAN "PARACHUTE"

1. Upon receipt of information that enemy parachutists have been dropped in B.E.F. sector, the code word "LANA" will be sent to all units who will immediately take the following precautions;

a. All personnel will stand-to with arms prepared to man vehicles and organize strong points.

b. Report in to proper radio net.

c. Move aggressively against any enemy within immediate area.

2. Upon receipt of the information that enemy raiding parties are working within area of B.E.F. sector, the code word "HENRY" will be sent to all units who will immediately take the following precautions;

a. All personnel will stand-to with arms prepared to man vehicles and organize strongpoints.

b. Report in on proper radio net.

3. Upon receipt of information that enemy agents are active within B.E.F. sector, the code word "DOROTHY" will be sent to all units, who will immediately take the following precautions;

a. Unit commanders will check all personnel for proper identification within area.

b. Organize patrols to comb immediate vicinity for presence of unauthorized personnel.

c. Increase local security.

4. Upon receipt of information that saboteurs are working within B. E.F. sector, the code word "BETTY" will be sent to all units, who will immediately take the following precautions;

a. Check all installations (C.P.F., ammunition dumps, kitchens, telephone communications, etc.).

b. Organize patrols to comb area for suspicious individuals.

c. Increase local security.

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COUNTER ATTACK PLAN "ALAMO"

On receipt of word that an attack of more than a local nature is being made against any part of the B.E.F. front, the code word "ALAMO" will be sent to all units which will immediately:

1. Go on a fifteen minute alert.
2. Check into proper radio net.
3. Move on order into firing positions as follows:

a. If attack is against East Subsector:

- (1). 3rd Platoon "A" Company to L-862209.
- (2). 1st Platoon "A" Company to L-856199.
- (3). 2nd Platoon "A" Company to L-843190.

b. If attack is against PALAZZO area in North Subsector:

- (1). 3rd Platoon "B" Company (-1 sec) to L-825208.
- (2). 1 section "B" Company to L-841199.
- (3). 2nd Platoon "A" Company to L-840189.

c. If attack is against VOLPARA area in North Subsector:

- (1). 3rd Platoon "B" Company to L-825200.
- (2). 2nd Platoon "A" Company to L-829190.

d. If attack is against Central Subsector:

- (1). 2nd Platoon "C" Company to L-888175.
- (2). 3rd Platoon "C" Company to L-862182.

e. If attack is against Western Subsector:

- (1). 3rd Platoon "C" Company to L-862182.

f. If attack is against Western Quarter of Western Subsector:

- (1). 3rd Platoon "C" Company to L-840144.

4. Those units not committed will remain in reserve in their present positions.

5. See attached overlay for present positions and positions to be occupied in accordance with above movements.

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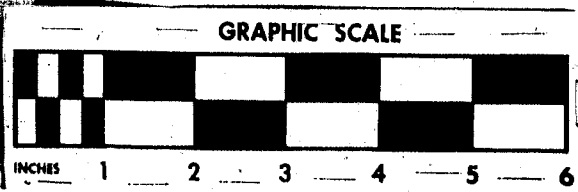
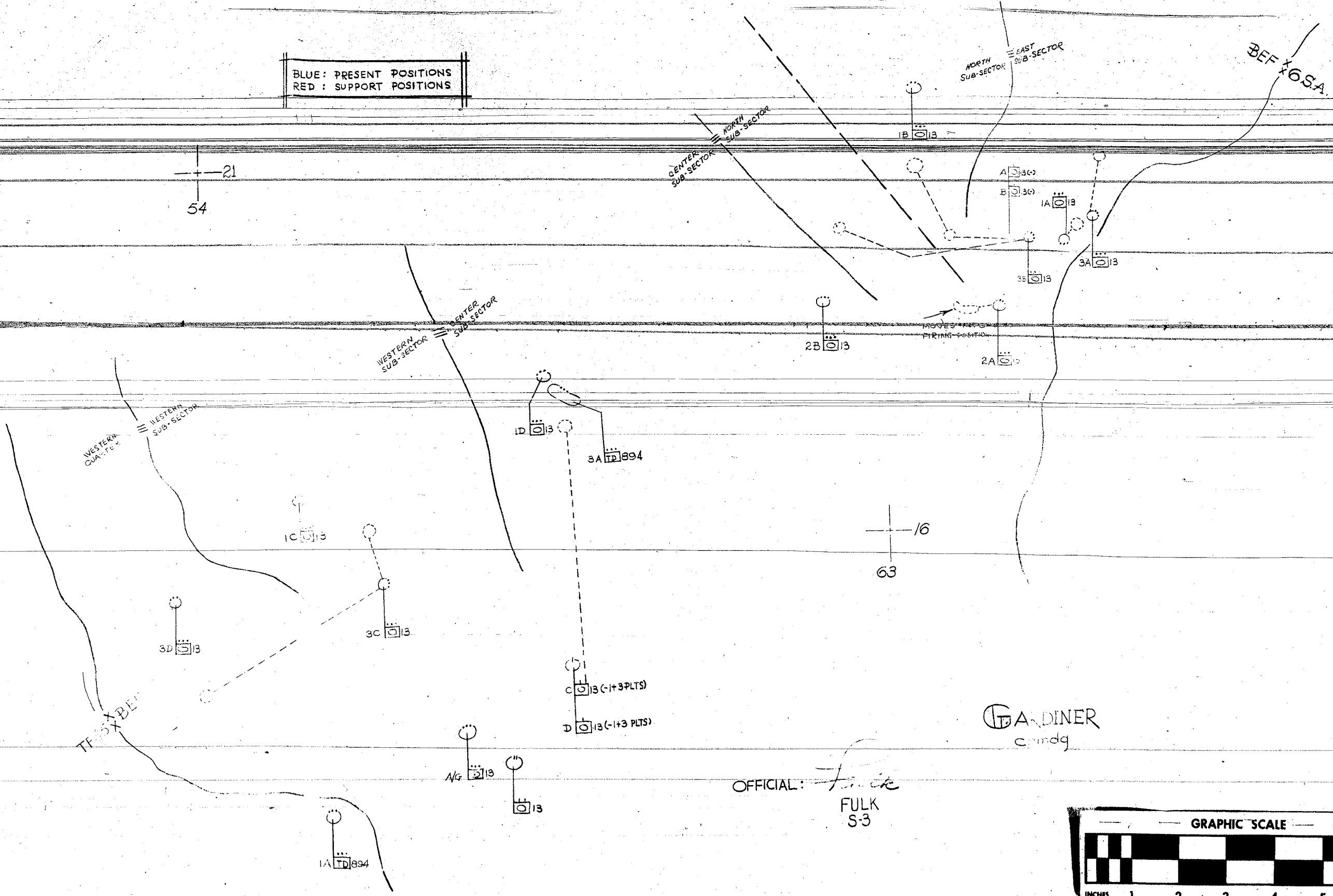
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OVERLAY TO ACCOMPANY PLAN ALAMO
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By Auth: CO 13th Tk Bn
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Date: 15 December 1944

15 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Recommended Dispositions of 13th Tk Bn and "A" Co. - I Platoon,
894th T.D. Bn. within the I B.S.F. Sector.

TO : Commanding General, I B. E. F.

The locations of these units from right to left within the sector
would be as follows:

1. "A" Co. - 1 Plat. Vicinity Riola Vecchia 654198.
2. 1 Plat. "A" Co. - la Collina di Savigliano 540186.
3. "C" Co. 2 Plats. - Vicinity Fiesole 62192.
4. 1 Plat. "B" Co. - Palazzo 635219.
5. 1 Plat. "B" Co. - Vigna di sotto 62192.
6. "A" Co. 894 T.D. - 1 Plat. - Silla 587147.
7. 1 Sec. "A" Co. 894 T.D. - Bombiana 585184.
8. 1 Sec. "A" Co. 894 T.D. - Livorno 588178.
9. "D" Co. - 2 Plat. - Bellavista 579131.
10. 1 Plat "D" Co. - Vicinity Bombiana 585184.
11. 1 Sec. "D" Co. - Gabba 535154.
12. 1 Sec. "D" Co. - Fioppa 528156.
13. "C" Co. 2 Plat. - Vicinity Corvella 581138.
14. 1 Plat. "C" Co. - Crociale 565158.
15. 1 Plat. "C" Co. - Goggo Montana 551167.
16. C.F. 13th Tk Bn - Bellavista 579131.

It is recommended that these tanks be considered in support of and
not attached to the various subsector commands.

An overlay is being prepared to accompany this letter.

HENRY E. GARLINER,
Lt. Col., 13th Tk Bn.,
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Overlay to accompany letter: Recommendations Dispositions
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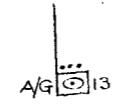
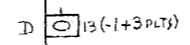
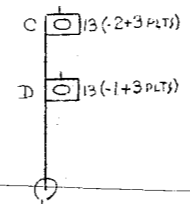
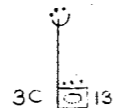
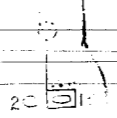
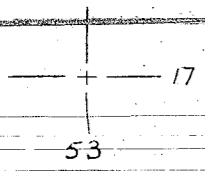
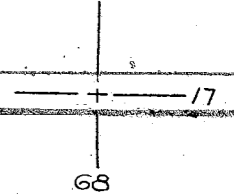
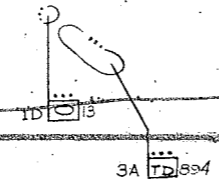
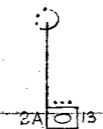
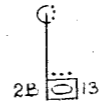
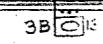
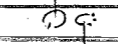
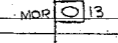
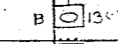
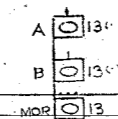
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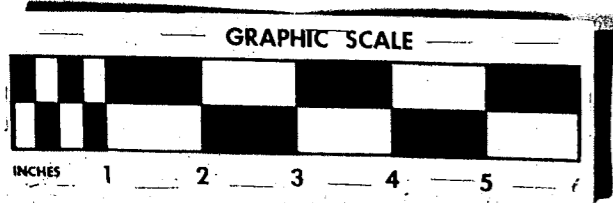
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Date: 31 December 1944

HEADQUARTERS THIRTIETH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander

31 December 1944

*ROSTER OF OFFICERS, AS OF 29 JULY 1944

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Gleason, John C.	Captain	0-405758	S-2
Elliot, John C.	Major	0-319341	S-3
Gilmore, Hugh R.	1st Lt.	0-1013271	S-4
Deal, Kenneth H.	1st Lt.	0-405931	Asst S-3 for Air and Comm. Off. Liaison Off.
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"A" COMPANY

Merrill, William M.	Captain	0-419963	G.O.
Ferner, Walter E.	1st Lt.	0-450125	As. Gun
Galloway, Donald M.	1st Lt.	0-1014406	Mortar
Duhne, Edwin R.	2nd Lt.	0-1683505	Reccon.
Boucher, Joseph M.	1st Lt.	0-1015421	Maint.

"A" COMPANY

Butts, Joel D.	Captain	0-378925	G.O.
Key, Dwight C.	1st Lt.	0-465778	Plat. Ldr.
Hansald, Ernest J.	2nd Lt.	0-1014605	Plat. Ldr.
Hitchcock, Isle R.	2nd Lt.	0-1018002	Plat. Ldr.
Harper, Wesley W.	1st Lt.	0-1012655	Maint.

"B" COMPANY

Farham, Alvin V.	Captain	0-392267	G.O.
Moran, James H.	1st Lt.	0-1012348	Plat. Ldr.
Falmer, Randolph H.	1st Lt.	0-1030400	Plat. Ldr.
Stockdale, William A.	1st Lt.	0-1013676	Plat. Ldr.
Spencer, Robert W.	1st Lt.	0-1015926	Maint.

"C" COMPANY

Glay, Frank B.	Captain	0-24937	G.O.
Sippi, Charles G.	2nd Lt.	0-1683506	Plat. Ldr.
Lienemann, Jr., Alfred A.	2nd Lt.	0-1014067	Plat. Ldr.
Thompson, Milton H.	2nd Lt.	0-1691777	Plat. Ldr.
Numphries, Harvey O.	1st Lt.	0-1012411	Maint.

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3D COMPANY

Weinberg, Milton	Captain	O-1012680	G.O.
Schermhorn, Herschel A.	2nd Lt.	O-1013978	Plat. Ldr.
Beaty, Don E.	2nd Lt.	O-1691778	Plat. Ldr.
Mages, Victor T.	2nd Lt.	O-1016041	Plat. Ldr.
Shaw, William T.	1st Lt.	O-1013062	Maint.

SERVICE COMPANY

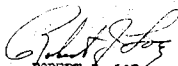
Raich, Arthur B.	Captain	O-361524	G.O.
Centron, Walter L.	Captain	O-363990	En. Maint. Off.
Converse, Luther L.	1st Lt.	O-1014216	T & S
Oglesby, Douglas R.	2nd Lt.	O-1017320	Maint.
Boyd, William A.	1st Lt.	O-1012601	Unassg.
Hoffman, Albert	W.O.J.G.	W-2110111	Perol. Off.
Williams, Charles B.	W.O.J.G.	W-2121542	Maint.
Good, William D.	W.O.J.G.	W-2122316	Trans.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Lieberstein, Joseph H.	Captain	O-495905	En. Surgeon
Zwart, Edward A.	Captain	O-414946	Asst. En. Surgeon

- This roster represents those officers who initially constituted the Battalion Commissioned personnel after the confusion of the reorganization of the 13th Armored Regiment had subsided and the 13th Tank Battalion had assumed a physical identity. It can be considered as the Battalion's opening roster on 20 July.

For the Commanding Officer:


 ROBERT J. LOEB,
 1st Lt., 13th Tank Bn.,
 Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
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31 December 1944.

CHANGES IN OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS
During the period 20 July - 31 Dec 1944.

Boucher, Joseph M.	1st Lt.	Trfd from HQ Co to Bn HQ (Unassg)	15 Aug. 1944
Oglesby, Douglas R.	2nd Lt.	Trfd from Serv. Co to HQ Co.	19 Aug. 1944
Sippik, Charles L.	2nd Lt.	Trfd from "D" Co to "B" Co	30 Sept. 1944.
Moran, James R.	1st Lt.	Trfd from "B" Co to HQ Co.	30 Sept. 1944
Humphries, Harvey G.	1st Lt.	Trfd from "D" Co to "B" Co.	5 Sept. 1944
Catron, Walter L.	Capt.	Rel'd as Bn Maint. Off and Aptd C.O. Serv. Co.	12 Oct. 1944
Boyd, William A.	1st Lt.	Aptd Bn Maint Off.	12 Oct. 1944
Falmer, Randolph M.	1st Lt.	Trfd from "B" Co to HQ Co.	13 Oct. 1944
Falk, Hubert A.	Major	Aptd B-3	14 Nov. 1944
Verner, Walter R.	1st Lt.	Trfd from HQ Co to "D" Co.	22 Nov. 1944
Crittenden, Frank C.	Capt.	Aptd Ex Off.	3 Dec. 1944
Crittenden, Frank C.	Major	Rel'd as Ex Off and Aptd S-2	14 Dec. 1944
Elliott, John C.	Major	Aptd Ex Off.	16 Dec. 1944
Boyd, William A.	1st Lt.	Rel'd as Bn Maint. Off.	27 Dec. 1944
Catron, Walter L.	Capt.	Rel'd as Co. Serv. Co. and Aptd Bn. Maint. Off.	27 Dec. 1944
Mallouai, Pasquale J.	Capt.	Trfd from Bn HQ to Serv. Co and Aptd C.O.	27 Dec. 1944

For the Commanding Officer:


ROBERT S. LOE,
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(31 December 1944)

OFFICER PROMOTIONS DURING THE PERIOD 20 JULY - 31 DEC. 1944:

NAME	FROM - TO	DATE OF RANK
Crittenden, Frank C.	Capt. to Major	12 December 1944
Fatham, Alvin F.	1st Lt. to Capt.	26 July 1944
Weinberg, Milton	1st Lt. to Capt.	25 July 1944
Deal, Kenneth M.	1st Lt. to Capt.	17 August 1944
Olinow, Hugh R.	1st Lt. to Capt.	27 October 1944
Duhon, Edwin H.	2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.	29 November 1944
Knapik, Edward	2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.	14 August 1944
Hitchcock, Iale R.	2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.	12 August 1944
Siipi, Charles G.	2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.	29 November 1944
Lieneman, Alfred A.	2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.	14 August 1944
Thompson, Milton H.	2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.	11 December 1944
Schermerhorn, Herschel A.	2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.	14 August 1944
Beatty, Don E.	2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.	29 November 1944
Magee, Victor T.	2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.	14 August 1944
Oglesby, Douglas R.	2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.	6 September 1944
Page, Charles M.	2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.	11 December 1944
Gaylord, Carl H.	2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.	6 September 1944

For the Commanding Officer:


ROBERT J. LEE,
1st Lt., 13th Tank Bn.,
Adjutant.

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Date: 31 December 1944.

31 December 1944

OFFICER GAINS DURING PERIOD 20 JULY - 31 DEC. 1944:

NAME	SER. NO.	RANK	FROM	ASSIGNMENT
Thompson, Milton H.	0-1691777	2nd Lt.	B.F. Comm of EM	Co "C" - 27 July
Wilber, George H. B.	0-1018790	1st Lt.	Ab Sk - 13th AR	Co "B" - 26 July
Page, Charles D.	0-1691803	2nd Lt.	B.F. Comm of EM	Co "B" - 31 July
Callahan, Garrett J.	0-290490	Capt.	Ab Sk - 13th AR	Bn HQ (unassigned) - 3 Aug.
Scammarino, Sylvester A.	0-1691732	2nd Lt. (MAC)	4th Tk Bn	M. Det. (Asst Bn Surg)
Jacobs, Edward L. Jr.	0-1015996	1st Lt.	Ab Sk & 13th AR	Co "C" - 18 Aug.
Gaylard, Carl W.	0-2056090	2nd Lt.	Ab Sk - 13th AR	Co "B" - 18 Aug.
Falk, Hubert A.	0-308253	Major	Replacement	Bn HQ (S-3) 20 Oct.
Hutchings, John M.	0-441955	1st Lt.	Replacement	Co "B" - 17 Nov.
Malloni, Pasquale J.	0-317306	Capt.	Replacement	Bn HQ (unassigned) 23 Nov.
Wrightson, Frank G.	0-193388	Capt.	1st Lt. Replacement	Bn HQ (unassigned) 23 Nov.
Johnson, Robert A.	0-456112	1st Lt.	Replacement	Co "C" - 9 Dec.
Haber, John M.	0-1012323	1st Lt.	Replacement	Co "D" - 19 Dec.

OFFICER LOSSES DURING PERIOD 20 JULY - 31 DEC. 1944:

NAME	RANK	ASSTMENT HELD	TO	MONTH	TRIED
Standaale, William A.	1st Lt.	Plat. Ldr Co "B"	4th Tk Bn	Aug.	
Callahan, Garrett J.	Capt.	Bn HQ (unassigned)	191st Tk Bn	Aug.	
Zwart, Edward A.	Capt. (MC)	Asst. Bn. Surgeon	1st Tk Bn	Aug.	
Wilber, George H. B.	1st Lt.	Plat. Ldr. Co "B"	Det. of 1st Hosp	Sept.	
Ralph, Arthur B.	Capt.	G.C. Serv. Co	Det. to US (Sept Inc)	Oct.	
Hoffman, Albert	W.O.J.G.	Personnel Cff.	Det of 1st Hosp	Nov.	
Williams, George W.	Major	Bn Ex Off.	Det to US (Oct Inc)	Nov.	
Cleason, John C.	Capt.	S-2	AFHQ (D-2 Sec)	Dec.	

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert J. Loe
ROBERT J. LOE,
1st Lt., 13th Tank Bn.,
Adjutant.

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SECTION IV - CASUALTIES

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Initials: *ELK*
Date: 8 Jan 1945

HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
APO 251, U.S. Army

In the field,
3 January, 1945.

SUBJECT: Battle Casualty Report.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

The following is a list of the battle casualties of this organization for the period from 1 December 1944, through 31 December 1944:

"G" Co. Pfc	Finn, James S	3925211	LWA	10 Dec '44.
"G" Co. Pfc	Stephenson, Elbert	38105127	LWA	9 Dec '44.
"B" Co. Cpl	Carpenter, Ernest W	32027018	MIA	10 Dec '44.
"B" Co. Pfc	Garcia, Ralph J	39087718	LWA	26 Dec '44.
"A" Co. Sgt	Jett, Luther O	15054142	LWA	30 Nov '44. (Not on Nov. list)

For the Commanding Officer:

Alfred K. Lee
ALFRED K. LEE,
Capt., F. A.,
Unit Personnel Officer.

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SECTION V - DECORATIONS

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: Date: 3 Jan 1945 :
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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
APO 251, U.S. Army

In the field,
3 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Decorations and Awards.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

Listed below are the decorations and awards received by members of
this organization for the period 1 December 1944, through 31 December 1944:

BRONZE STARS

"D" Co. Captain	Milton Weinberg	O-1012680	OO #99, Hqs. 1st AD, C.S.
"D" Co. Sgt	John D. Johnson Jr.	6882119	OO #99, Hqs. 1st AD, C.S.
HQ Co. S/Sgt	John H. Losinski	6937982	OO #99, Hqs. 1st AD, C.S.
HQ Co. Pfc	Horace J. Holmes	12131500	OO #99, Hqs. 1st AD, C.S.

PURPLE HEARTS

"D" Co. Pfc	Elbert Stephenson	38105127	GO #100, Hqs. 1st AD, C.S.
"D" Co. Sgt	Joseph J. Abdella	31051877	GO #100, Hqs. 1st AD, C.S.

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART

"D" Co. Sgt	Joseph J. Abdella	31051877	GO #100, Hqs. 1st AD, C.S.
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For the Commanding Officer:

Alfred E. Lee
ALFRED E. LEE,
Capt., F.A.,
Unit Personnel Officer.

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Initials: *RJA*
Date: 9 February 1945

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
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9 February 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Activities.

TO : Adjutant General, 1st U.S. Armored Division.

1. Report called for in Paragraph 4, Headquarters 1st A.D., A.G. 514.7, subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, dated 6 November, 1943 and Section II, Bulletin #1, dated 30 November 1943 and Section I, Bulletin #8, dated 11 January 1944, is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert J. Loe
ROBERT J. LOE,
1st Lt., 13th Tank Bn.,
Adjutant

INCL: Report of Activities.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
1 JANUARY 1945 THRU 31 JANUARY 1945.

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SECTION I - ACTIVITIES

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTYFIFTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
A.P.O. 251, U.S. Army.

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:Initials *WMA* :
:Date: 7 February 1945. :
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7 February 1945

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
1 Jan - 31 Jan 1945.

At the beginning of the period, the units of the Battalion were disposed as follows:

Battalion C.P. - - - - -	L-580131	
Battalion C.P. (Advance) - -	L-545198	
Headquarters Company - - - -	L-580131	
Assault Gun Platoon - - - - -		Attchd 68th A.F.A. Bn.
Mrsg. Platoon - - - - -	L-550199	
Reconnaissance Platoon - - -	L-545198	
Company "A" - - - - -	L-545198	
1st Platoon - - - - -	L-545198	
2nd Platoon - - - - -	L-545191	
3rd Platoon - - - - -	L-555202	
Company "B" - - - - -	L-545198	
1st Platoon - - - - -	L-522191	
2nd Platoon - - - - -	L-555220	
3rd Platoon - - - - -	L-550199	
Company "C" - - - - -	L-587144	
1st Platoon - - - - -	L-587144	
2nd Platoon - - - - -	L-551168	
3rd Platoon - - - - -	L-553155	
Company "D" - - - - -	L-587144	
1st Platoon - - - - -	L-584183	
2nd Platoon - - - - -	L-587144	
3rd Platoon - - - - -	L-555154	
Service Company - - - - -	L-593089	
Company "A" (- 1 Flt) 894 TD. -	L-585146	- - Attchd.
1st Platoon - - - - -	L-555125	
3rd Platoon - - - - -	L-584182	

During the month of January, the Battalion continued its role in direct support of the First Infantry Division, B.M.F. Reconnaissance and map and aerial photograph study of the area was continued with a view to possible improvement of positions and future offensives. All positions were subjected to intermittent shelling. In the HOLA (L-545199) area, two men from Company "A" were wounded during a light shelling on 2 January.

During the period, the companies pursued the policy of rotating personnel by platoon from one position to another about once a week in order to give the men the maximum possible rest. Training was conducted in range estimation and other phases of tank gunnery. Maintenance was emphasized. The officers of the battalion were examined on the contents of FM 17-12, Tank Gunnery, in a series of six tests covering a period of three weeks.

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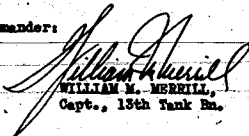
On 8 January, Lt. Col. Draper, Division Artillery, visited the Battalion.

On 21 January, Lt. Col. Gardiner left the Battalion on temporary duty to the United States. Coincident with his departure, Major Elliott assumed command and Major Crittenden was appointed Executive Officer, Captain Merrill, Battalion S-2, and Lt. Werner took command of Headquarters Company.

On 27 January, a B-25 crashed in the vicinity of PORRETTA TERME. Members of the crew were taken into the Battalion C.P., remaining there for several days until they could obtain transportation back to their unit.

On the 30th of January, orders were received from IV Corps that the Battalion was to be relieved without delay by the 761st Tank Battalion. A billeting party was sent out on 31 January to the vicinity of SAN PIERO. On the same day, Company "A", 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion (-) was relieved from attached to the Battalion; the 3rd Platoon "D" Company moved to L-596089, and the Battalion was notified that the Assault Gun Platoon would remain in position. At the close of the period, the Battalion was awaiting orders to move.

For the Battalion Commander:


WILLIAM M. MERRILL,
Capt., 13th Tank Bn.

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SECTION II - OPERATIONS

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JOURNAL
13th TANK BATTALION

SECRET
By Auth: CG 13th Tk Bn
Initials: *SL*
Date: 4 January 1945

DATE: 1 January 1945
PLACE: Vic. Ferratta Terme, Italy, (L-580131)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1030	2 Bns C arrived here about 1000A for a briefing in tank tactics.	LUDAR	CG/13

2230	A fire 800 yds South of 2/A/13 position reported at 2230A. Type unknown.	3/A/13	Adv/13
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DATE: 2 January 1945
PLACE: Vic. Ferratta Terme, Italy, (L-580131)

0300	Inf Arty fell in vic L-642206 from 0215-0300. 12 rmds.	3/A/13	Adv/13
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0330	29 rmds of inf arty and mortar fell vic L-642206 and L-637 218 from 0215-0300.	3/A/13	Adv/13
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0400	28 rmds inf arty fell vic L-642206 from 0300-0400. Harassing fire, 17 rmds vic L-642218.	2/A/13	Adv/13
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0430	21 rmds mortar vic L-642218 0400-0430.	3/A/13	Adv/13
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0530	Bns reports counter-attack on Boscaccio, no other info.	B.E.F.	Adv/13
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0610	Bns platoon withdrew from Boscaccio but was reinforced and ordered to go back there. Report any sent raiding party into town and then withdraw.	B.E.F.	Adv/13
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0630	Boscaccio attacked at 0530; attack proceeded by enemy heavy arty and mortar barrage. Our troops believed to have withdrawn from town. Will you call your advance and see if they knew any more?	Major Admir	GP/13 S-3
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0630	At 0530 Boscaccio was attacked; had had two intense arty come during the night (22 rmds and 40 rmds). At 0630 it was established that we had left the town. Bns CO reinforced the element and at 0630 they were on the way back in. Attack believed to have been made by a raiding party which may have now withdrawn.	Adv/13	S-3/13
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0635	Above msg called to Major Admir.	S-3/13	Maj Admir
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0620	Bns forces occupied positions vacated at Boscaccio.	BEF	S-3/13
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0623	We now occupy Boscaccio positions as originally.	Adv/13	S-3/13
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1825	M/G fire two miles east of here.	3/A/13	Adv/13
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1600	383rd Div was on 8th Army front. They took a bad beating and were pulled out to reorganize. Now between Bologna and Modona.	S-3/BEF	S-3/13
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DATE : 2 January 1945 (Cont.)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1720	3 rds 105mm landed via L-648199 at 1432A this date. Damage; 2 men "A" Co wounded, 1 evas, 1 not evas. There were 2 air bursts and 1 ground burst.	Knee 0	S-3/13
1737	2nd Bn 6th Inf MEF in the Palasno area L-658217 rec'd 144 rds mortar, 41 rds med arty and 48 rds lt arty.	S-3/MEF	S-3/13
DATE: 3 January 1945			
PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy. (L-580131)			
1310	As L-523176, groups of 4 and 5 evas, total 12 men all within radius of 500 yards.	A/894 TD	S-3/13
1315	Above msg passed to Kettle 3.	S-3/13	Kettle 3
1315	Col. Stephenson reports that these personnel (abv) are not MEF troops.	MEF	S-3/13
1445	Civilians report Germans abandoning positions on Monte Costello. MEF (9th Co) sending patrol to L-57872945 to investigate. Patrol leaving immediately. (Later report: enemy in strength in position).	A/894	S-3/13

DATE : 4 January 1945

PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy (L-580131)

0850	Lt. Gen McNearney will be in this vic but doubt whether he will stop at any of our people.	LG/13	OO/13
1745	Patrol out at 1500 hrs found fresh tank tracks at house at L-68402212. Also mine in same house. One room contained various types of mine and demol. charges. House on opposite side of road had a ground aerial and 2 cables leading back over the hill into enemy territory. Large garage in area with fresh tank tracks and empty shell cases on either side of track. Also small ammo dumps found on sides of road.	422 3/370	S-3/13
1746	MEF patrols will leave at 2200 hrs and return at 0130 to the following: Valle; L-578192; Abattia; L-578189.	A/894 TD	S-3/13
1835	3/370 reports tank movement via Malpasson, reported heard at 1830.	422	ADV/13
1855	Large fire in Procoria.	2/A/13	ADV/13
2130	6 Italians in vic Fanane (L-4318) have been equipped with US Army uniforms complete with combat boots.	MEF	S-3/13

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DATE: 5 January 1945.
PLACE: Via Porretta Terme, Italy (L-580131)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0945	2 men dressed as American Officers asking questions about Bologna from local civilians. OIG investigating. All officers dog tags will be checked by MAs.	LUGAR 3	8-3/13
1115	Every day that the wind blows to the North and NorthEast, the smoke will be cut off from 0830A to 1130A for purposes of Aerial Reconnaissance.	LUGAR 3	8-3/13
1245	Patrol went to Abetate, found it unoccupied, a few dead Germans were lying around. They also found some S/A equipment lying around. While in Abetate, patrol picked up a gun flash, believed an S/P, firing from vis L-5625-1960. Our OP at L-585194 also observed flash and took a bearing of 300 degrees, which bisects the patrol's report. The patrol also picked up a mortar firing from L-57701985. Patrol to vitelline L-573124, encountered no opposition and town is not occupied.	A/894th	8-3/13
1700	Brazilians report that IV Corps told them that 2 German agents entered our lines, one dressed as an American Sgt and other as Amer Lt. Lt stood about 5'9" and speaks 5 languages.	A/894	8-3/13
1705	Above message.	8-3/13	13/Adv.
1200	Notify all personnel to know passwords when they go out at night. Extra precautions in effect because of recent reports on enemy agents in Allied Uniforms.	LUGAR 3	8-3/13

6 January 1945
via. Porretta Terme, Italy L-580131)

0460	Ricci bridge damaged during night by one round arty. Damage believed slight but darkness prevents close examination. Bridge closed to 2 1/2 ton trucks and above in weight. Request engineers to ascertain and repair damage.	13/Adv	LUGAR 3
0435	Adv Mfg.	LUGAR 3	8-3/13
0605	Bridge only slightly damaged and could probably carry a full load. However only light traffic will be allowed on it until it is fixed.	13/Adv	8-3/13

7 January 1945
Via Porretta Terme, Italy (L-580131)

1700	1 Plat Germans reported at L-601204 by our friends here.	2/B/13	13/Adv.
1700	RF firing at Casa di Bombiani at short range. Azimuth of 6000 miles from L-585183.	1/D/13	8-2/13
2130	An O from this Hq will visit your org to inspect Mfg Cntr	Div Sig	8-3/13

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DATE: 7 January 1945 (Cont.)

PLACE: Vic Forretta Terme, Italy (L-580131).

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
2130 (Cont.)	and cryptographic security on 10 Jan '45 at 1100A hrs.	Div Sig	S-3/13

DATE: 8 January 1945.

PLACE: Vic Forretta Terme, Italy (L-580131).

1100	Lt McCoe reports upon examination of shell holes made near 1/D/13 his position as reported at 1700 hrs 1/7/45 to be at 320° and estimates it to be 105mm.		S-2/13
1245	2 men from 6 SA were wounded yesterday by SHU-MINES vis. L-713259. We have warned BEF personnel and we pass this on for your information as the Germans are using such mines in this sector.	S-3/BEF	S-3/13
1320	Observed at 1015 hours 18 people left house at L-670230 & were moving south. Were wearing dark clothes and carrying skis; their progress is being watched. Also Kettle 3 wanted clearance to fire on L-6767-218C.	422	13/Adv

1455	Col. Draper, Div Arty, called.	Info.	S-3/13
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DATE: 9 January 1945

PLACE: Vic Forretta Terme, Italy (L-580131).

1115	Call at Hq 16th Engr and pick up bath unit. (passed to S-4) C-4/1AD		13/Adv.
1200	Chaplain Anderson and Donehan visited CP and forward elements.	Info	S-3/13
0430	Our friends fired S/A for 15 minutes at 0425 vic NOMIE GAVALLORO.	3/4/13	13/Adv
1120	William, Adelia Elm, Sertana (L-676206) picked up by BEF B X F provost at Venturina. To be brought here to await pick up by 6th S A Provost.		13/Adv
1800	1 Plt B/13 closed into new area at L-622191.	1/8/13	13/Adv

10 January 1945.

Vic Forretta Terme, Italy (L-580131).

1150	Bridge at Q-140792 will be out from 1000A to 1300A 10 Jan and road Q-118783 - Q-122793 - Q-127725 will be open to two way traffic during the above period.	Q-3/1 AR	S-3/13
1130	Mr. Bastiak, Div Sig, visited to inspect Mag Cntr and equipment.	Info.	S-3/13
2035	There will be a meeting of all unit Special Service Offi-	AG/1 AD	00/13

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DATE: 10 January 1945 (Con't.)
 PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
2035	(Con't.) cers at 1000A Thursday 11 Jan 45 at Div Special Service Bq G-180799. All units will be represented by an officer.	AG/1 AD	00/13

DATE: 11 January 1945
 PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

1138	8/8/13 received 64 rds 1st mortar & hvy mortar and arty between 0940-1030. One man LMA and evacuated by Braxilians. Coordinates of shelling: L-637222, 637224, 637223.	13/Adv	S-3/13
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1440	We rec'd a call from the smoke people. They say that due to the cold they have been running into trouble starting their smoke generators; due to this condition, the people will put out more pots until they start their smoking . Get this out to your people, as they may run into difficulty with these smoke pots.	S-3/BEF	S-3/13
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DATE: 12 January 1945.
 PLACE: Via Forretta TERME, Italy L-580131.

1110	Capt Beckett, C-3 I AD stopped to visit.	Info.	S-3/13
1345	Make a copy of En's Ammo Dumps (Record Chart) also have vehicle status report of 1/11/45 brought up to date. Have C-1 report with notations of men in hospitals, ready for Capt. Beckett on his return to this C.P.	00/13	S-3/13
1150	One civilian and 1 RM from 3/A/894 KIA when mortar shell landed via Bombiana, L-588176 at 1140A hours.	A/894	S-3/13
1837	A fire is burning in ROCCO PINIGLIANA.	2/A/13	13/Adv.
1837	Heard motor noises via L-566194 at 1830A.	A/894	S-3/13
1840	Adv msg .	3/424	S-3/13
1920	Do you have any info of an attack in SA sector?	C-3/BEF	13/Adv
1920	Nothing happening in our sector (11th Egd) will call Div.	LO/6 SA	S-3/13
1930	Div says to best of their knowledge it is probably a small patrol action in 12 Egd sector.	LO/6 SA	13/Adv.
DATE: 13 January 1945 PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.			
0355	S/A fire via Castelnuovo.	3/4/13	13/Adv

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DATE: 13 January 1945 (Cont).

PLACE: Via Peretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0830	Roads to Gaggio and Hwy #64 should be scraped of snow & small by-pass at L-566158 should be cleared and ice out away.	S-3/13	S-3/BEF
1950	G.P. Guard reported one parachute flare via L-649210.	Guard	Adv/13
2022	Considerable S/A and Grenade fire believed both enemy and friendly on hill 702. Also German voices on radio set.	3/8/13	Adv/13
2045	Password up to and including 17 Jan have been compromised. New password for today will be rec'd from Brns.	S-3/13	Adv/13
2050	S/A and Grenade activity has ceased. German voices on radio turned out to be Brns transmissions.	3/8/13	Adv/13
2050	Adv Msg.	Adv/13	S-3/13
2220	Possible enemy patrol passed thru line at L-645217 at approx 2050a hrs.	3/8/13	Adv/13
2240	Enemy patrol seen at approx 2115A moving SE at L-645215. No counter-patrol action contemplated. Arty fired on point L-644216 as counter measure. All elements alerted and gap at L-641205 closed.	6/1/BEF	Adv/13

DATE: 14 January 1945

PLACE: Via Peretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

1250	<u>Mailbag Patrol</u> : 14 Jan 1945. Destination: G. Cantoniara L-669213. Patrol leaves at 1700 hours returns probably at 1800 hours. Strength: 1 squad (reinforced to 18-20 men). Mission: (a) See if any Germans are in Casa Cantoniara. (b) See if any German organizations (positions) are in area. Route: Lissano-C Cantoniara by Road #64. Inform 6 SA and 3rd Bn 370th Inf Regt.	G-3/BEF	Adv/13
1300	Above information.	Adv/13	3/370
2053	Blus GP called and reported a tank running via of search bridge (L-684221). 3/4/13 reports none of his running.	370th	Adv/13

DATE: 15 January 1945.

PLACE: Via Peretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

2000	Lt Liesmann reports that a partisan told him that 3 Ger. Co./a/13 mm 75mm guns were located at L-583204.	S-3/13	
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DATE: 19 January 1945 (Cont'd).
PLACE: Via Porretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1205	2 spies are supposed to enter our lines some time today, a woman and a man. The following is a description of the woman: "Angela, Olga, from Bologna, brown complexioned, 17 yrs age, 1.7 meters hts, black hair, green eyes, good figure, dances and sings well. Lhn, Anselmo. Expect them to come thru lines today.	A/894 TD	S-3/13

1210 Same as above. S-3/13 Adv/13

DATE: 18 January 1945
PLACE: Via Porretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

No entry.

DATE: 18 January 1945
PLACE: Via Porretta Terme Italy, L-580131

2300 Request platoon leader of "C" Co Plat at L-585185 com- G-3/BEP S-3/13
tact S-3 of 11th Regt re liaison for possible employment.

DATE: 18 January 1945
PLACE: Via Porretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

1050 2nd Plat fks with 1st Plat personnel and Hq personnel of D Co moved to L-595089, arrived w/o incident at 1030A hrs. Comd and Exec fks with personnel remain at L-587144. 00/2/13 S-3/13

1732 PW taken by 1st Bn 86th Inf this AM informed us that the Germans intend to attack from Belydere towards Querciola tonight or tomorrow. BEF units are alerted, information was passed on to Capt Cameron by G-3/BEP. PW was from 14th Co, 1044th Regt. S-3/13 Adv/13

2000 Brazilians at Boubiema report that at 1000A hrs this Am, 5 enemy spies were captured in civilian clothes. Their mission was to kill an Amer Officer. A/894 TD S-3/13

2105 Patrol to hill 720 left 3 OR's and 1 Sgt in house at L-584223. 3 OR's KIA, 1 Sgt swa. Are unable to retrieve them due to hvy M/G fire coming from bunker on hill 720 and houses at L-585223. BEF Adv/13

DATE: 19 January 1945
PLACE: Via Porretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

No entry.

DATE: 20 January 1945
PLACE: Via Porretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

1838 5 Tms and 7 HE fired at enemy M/G nest at L-467160, L-470168, L-613177, L-615160. Same at house L-618104. A/894 TD S-3/13

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DATE: 21 January 1945

PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy, L-560151.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1640	Do you know anything about a small village, OSPEDALE DI SCORRA, L-5923, being occupied by the enemy?	422	S-3/15
1842	Issued info in 1640 msg to Adv/13. No info here.	BEF/S-3	
2120	Mortar in rr of CAPPA DI ROGHIDOS L-545187, also 500 yds to SW along ridge road on reverse slope, SP or tank 600 yds to left of CASA DE BICOLE, L-557176 on small trail, A mortar pos 200 yds right of MAZZANGARA, L-565185.	1/4/BEF	S-3/15
2156	Issued msg 2120 to Kettler and BEF.	S-3/15	

DATE: 22 January 1945

PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy, L-560151.

1705	1 SA from A/894 TD LIA during shelling of SILLA.	4/894	S-3/15
2240	No smoke at BIOLA or MARANO for next two days. Corps is turning it off unless shelling gets too bad.	3/BEF	S-3/15

DATE: 23 January 1945

PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy, L-560151.

2034	Evidence of people out in front pulling out. We are sending out patrols and air to confirm this report. Patrols will go to BELVEDERE and CASTELLO.	S-3/BEF	S-3/15
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DATE: 24 January 1945

PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy, L-560151.

0828	BEF feels the enemy is withdrawing from our front. Patrol going to hill 720 and Castelnuovo, L-561228. If found unoccupied will occupy. Patrols out at 0600A hrs.	S-3/BEF	Adv/15
0954	BEF sent patrol to CAPRULLO L-573195 last nite and met no opposition. The Bras are sending out 2 patrols this morning to MALANDRONE L-571197. If this patrol meets no opposition the BEF will send out Regt'l Recon Patrol. If this patrol finds nothing, they will advance front line.	4/894	S-3/15
1010	Demonstration of VT Fuse at 1300A hrs 25 Jan at Q-555957. Keystone: You may send visitors if you want.		S-3/15
0900	2 Patrols going to CASTELNUOVO. If empty will occupy.	BEF	S-3/15
1018	Our patrol from BOSCASCIO to Hill 720 is 200 meters from houses South of Hill 720, where they observed 4 enemy trying to take enemy traps PW. Our patrols from MONTECAVALLORE to CASTELNUOVO is not in contact.	BEF	Adv/15
1030	Patrol to CASTELNUOVO reached cemetery south of town. Obs 4 enemy in town. Patrol is moving to left to take advantage of terrain.	BEF	Adv/15

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DATE: 24 January 1945 (Con't.)
 PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1035	Msg of 1030.	Adv/13	SI Rom
1115	At 1100 hrs both patrols were receiving M/O fire; one squad was sent to support patrol on hill 720. It is still possible to support patrol to CASTELNUOVO by fire from MONTCAVALLORO.	BEF	Adv/13
1130	Upon receipt of this cable, 15th Tr Bn, 68th P.A. Bn, and 1st A.D. Slt on Sqdn, your unit is authorized to draw VI fuse and supplemental charged shells as desired within the limits of correct G-4 ammo allocations and savings PD.		S-3/13
1200	Div has ordered both patrols back due to hvy MG fire. To maintain contact.	BEF	Adv/13

~~1225 Adv. msg. Adv/13 SI Rom~~

1435	Fire rec'd from bunker at hill 720. Bunker at CASTELNUOVO unoccupied. Fire rec'd from houses at CASTELNUOVO, Patrol from PALLAZO to hill 702 repulsed by MG fire. One KIA. Patrols have not yet returned. More info later.	BEF	Adv/13
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1525	The 2 PW deserters that gave themselves up to the 88th Inf Div have been identified as being from the 14th Co, 1044th Inf Bn. PWs reported that Germans intend to attack from BELVEDERE toward QUERCIGLIA either tonight or tomorrow. The BEF units have been alerted. The info came from G-3 BEF. (Capt Comoran).	BEF	S-3/13
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1730	Adv message.	S-3/13	Adv/13
1930	Roads around CORONA being cleared. PW unit being rel'v'd. 4th Mtn Bn to make the attack. Air OP reports at 546208 moving north 150 men and some trucks.	BEF	S-3/13

DATE: 25 January 1945
 PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

1530	Inf patrol to LA SPIAGGIA L-575224, out 1900, in 2100A.	BEF	Adv/13
1730	BEF Patrol to go from L-585185 to L-576193. Out 1800, in at 2400A.	A/894 TD	S-3/13

DATE: 26 January 1945
 PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

1200	Patrol to LA SPIAGGIA returned at 0100. No any contact.	BEF	Adv/13
1200	Replacements reported by patrols to CASTELNUOVO 24 Jan: At L-6550221, house with two LMG and A/W fire. At L-6518279 shelters and bunkers estimated will withstand 70mm fire. At L-6519235, shelters and foxholes covered with canvas. Road between points 574 and 584 clear and is being used by enemy.	BEF	Adv/13

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DATE: 26 January 1948 (Cont'd).
PLACE: Vic Forrotta Terme, Italy, L-580131

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1810	Patrol going from LISSANO to L-666215, to Radi L-672212, to L-673212, to point 225 North to point 237, SW to L-674214, North to LA SPAGGIO, to L-671223, LA RADA DI SCPIRA, then return. Patrol starts LISSANO, to L-677215 along river bank to L-680228 to point 314 then SW to point L-678218, then South to starting point. Both patrols ran houses and areas.	81 Rom	Adv/13
1900	To get the searchlight HQ which continues to control the lights in this area: Keystone Adv, BEAR, Capt Lavigne, Cr LUGAR, LUTA, LEME, Searchlight.	Info	S-3/13
1938	Friends report smoke screen in front of L-636225, movement also heard. Type of movement not known, except voices heard.	2 P/13	Adv/13

DATE: 27 January 1948
PLACE: Vic Forrotta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

1843	Unidentified aircraft crashed and burned vic L-593122.	S-3/13	Info
1420	I have one of the pilots of the plane that crashed. He is American and not injured. Send transportation for him.	4/G-13	S-3/13
1445	P/O H L Greene, 521st Hadr Gp Worsica, co-pilot of Amer. B-25 which crashed, here now, uninjured, 8 persons in plane, all jumped out before plane crashed.	S-3/13	Info
1540	My plane just flew over and dropped 8 bombs about 1000 yds SE of us down by the river.	2/4/13	Adv/13
1700	Informed that all personnel of plane are safe and uninjured.	BEF	S-3/13
1725	At 1540 2/4/13 reported 1 my plane dropped 8 bombs near the river about 1000 yds SE of their position. Exact target unknown.	S-3/13	S-3/13

DATE: 28 January 1948
PLACE: Vic Forrotta Terme, Italy, L-580131

2130	Leading party of 1 off and 20 EM to go to L-54581828 to get PWs, Ost 0001, in 2000 29 Jan.	S-3/BEF	S-3/13
1000	Patrol by 51st to Point 500, rec'd MG fire from buildings 200 yds NE of point 500. One casualty.	81 Rom	S-3/13

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DATE: 29 January 1945
PLACE: Vic Porretta Terme, Italy, L-580151.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1000	Patrol by 81st Bn to BEZZANO drew rifle and M/P fire from buildings in BEZZANO, drew M/G and rifle fire from C. ROMINELLI, rifle and M/P fire from L-674233.	81 Bn	S-3/15
1138	Lt Schermerhorn S/D just informed me that the Bras have captured 4 PWs at 0400. Will find out more about this incident and inform you later.	CO/D/13	S-3/15
1625	Your unit will be relieved soon. You will have ample time and notice. This is all I can tell you over the phone.	Col Curtis, Maj C-3/IV Cp	Elliot
1725	The 11th Inf BEF report HE falling in Area L-591194. Are you doing any shooting? (Capt Cameron).	S-3/BEF	S-3/15
1850	Friendly patrol leaving at 2000A, going to L-576196 to return at 0100A. Bras report location of gun shelling Bombiana to be L-570198, 70mm near MALAMURONE.	A/894 TD	S-3/15
1855	Above message.	S-3/15	O/15

DATE: 30 January 1945
PLACE: Vic Porretta Terme, Italy, L-580151

2158	I am sending you relief orders down to you now. Send LO to your Col Curtiss tomorrow for details. A 5th Army telegram which was not sent to you stated: "15th Tk Bn relieved present role without delay". 751st Tk Bn will take over.	Maj Hamilton Keystone 5	S-3/15
2150	Above info passed to Co A, B, C, D, Ser, Hq.	S-3/15	
2200	Lt Brown to meet Capt Wilson at 1000 hrs 31 Jan at Road Junction Q-518872.	Keystone	CO/15

DATE: 31 January 1945
PLACE: Vic Porretta Terme, Italy, L-580151.

0800	Billeting party left. Lt Brown and Ron Plat (1 jeep and 1 1/2 ton truck) to go to Q-518872.	Info	
1030	Lot us and Westfieldk knew when you move. Amray would like to leave your A/Gs with 68th. However, you decide which is best.	Div C-5	CO/15
1045	IV Corps OKs plan to leave ammo on ground. We will get credit for it.	C-4, 15	CO/15

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DATE: 31 January 1945 (Com'tt).
PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy, L-580131.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1050	Your new allocation included our A/Gs, but we will take them with us as long as they are not doing much firing.	CG/13	S-3/58
1100	I am bringing the Pit down from GACCIO tonight and bivouac as then here. I will bring the other pit from GROCIOIA this afternoon and finish the track job.	CG/13	CG/13
1115	CO "A"/894th TD Bn officially relieved 13th Tk Bn.	S-3/13	A/894
1100	Possible bivouac areas: Q-584850, Q-588824, Q-608837, Q-588847.	Info	S-3/13
1930	S/D moved from L-535154 to L-585089 at 1715, closing at 1915 hrs, without incident.	CG/D/13	S-3/5
2030	A/Gs 13th to control of 88th FA, they will not move.	G-3/1 AD	S-3/5

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G-13th TR :
Initials: *[Signature]* :
Date: 31 Jan 45 :

HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ARMY

31 January 1945

MARCH ORDER #1

1. a. This Bn. will move by road to assembly area's vicinity Q-584830,
598824, 609837, 596847.

- b. Route: Hwy 64 to PISTOIA thence E on Hwy 6625 to destination.
c. Bn CP: PONTE DELLA VENTURINA.
d. March Table: (See Below).

2.

- a. Convoy Commander: MAJor H. A. Fulk.
b. Serial commanders: (See March Table).
c. Rate of March: 12 MPH.
d. Interval between serials: 1/2 hr..

3. Medical: Medical Officer and 1 ambulance with "B" Co..
1 - H/T with "C" Co..
1 - H/T to stay at CP.
1 - H/T with "D" Co.

4. a. Each serial Commander will report to TCP this side of PISTOIA 10
minutes before arrival of serial.

- b. Guides will meet the convoy at PISTOIA and guide the serial to bivouac.
c. Each commander will report closing in area by runner to CP.

Serial	Serial Com.	ORGN.	IP Ponte Della Venturina	Time arrival at 518872	Arrival Bivouac
1	: Capt Mallozzi	: Ser Co	: 1025	: 1230	: 1250
2	: Capt Weinberg	: "D" Co	: 1035	: 1300	: 1320
3	: Capt Clay	: "C" Co	: 1115	: 1415	: 1435
4	: Lt Harper	: "A" Co	: 1150	: 1450	: 1510
5	: Lt Werner	: Hq Co	: 1220	: 1520	: 1540
6	: Capt Farham	: "B" Co	: 1250	: 1550	: 1620

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SECTION III - PERSONNEL

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS
As of 31 January 1945.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER. NO.</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
BATTALION STAFF			
Gardiner, Henry E.	Lt Col	0-3977013	TDY - U.S.
Elliott, John C.	Major	0-319341	O.O. by D.F.
Crittenden, Frank C.	Major	0-453538	Executive Off.
Lee, Robert F.	1st Lt	0-1176706	S-1, & Asst S-3 for Air & Comm Off.
Merrill, William M.	Captain	0-419963	S-2
Fulk, Hubert A.	Major	0-902453	S-3
Gilmore, Hugh R.	Captain	0-1019271	S-4
Evans, William H.	1st Lt	0-1013005	Liaison Off.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS UNASCO

Boucher, Joseph M.	1st Lt	0-1015421	Unasg.
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Werner, Walter E.	1st Lt	0-450125	C.O.
Galloway, Donald E.	1st Lt	0-1014406	Assault Gun Platoon.
Oglesby, Douglas R.	1st Lt	0-1017310	Mortar Platoon.
Boren, James R.	1st Lt	0-1012348	Attchd to "B" Co.
Palmer, Randolph M.	1st Lt	0-1030400	Maint. Off.

"A" COMPANY

Butts, Joel E.	Captain	0-378925	C.O.
Key, Dwight O.	1st Lt	0-465778	Plat. Ldr.
Hessold, Ernest J.	1st Lt	0-1014605	Plat. Ldr.
Hatchcock, Isle R.	1st Lt	0-1018002	Plat. Ldr.
Harker, Wesley W.	1st Lt	0-1012655	Maint. Off.

"B" COMPANY

Parham, Alvin P.	Captain	0-392467	C.O.
Hutchings, John M., Jr.	1st Lt.	0-441955	Plat. Ldr.
Page, Charles D.	1st Lt	0-1691809	Plat. Ldr.
Humphries, Harvey C.	1st Lt	0-1012414	Maint. Off.
Gaylord, Carl W.	1st Lt.	0-2056090	Absent Stat.
Spencer, Robert W.	1st Lt.	0-1015926	D/W with Div. Spec. Serv.

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"Q" COMPANY

Glaz, Frank B.	Captain	0-24937	C.O.
Lienemann, Alfred A., Jr.	1st Lt.	0-1016087	Plat. Ldr.
Thompson, Milton H.	1st Lt.	0-1691777	Plat. Ldr.
Johnson, Robert A.	1st Lt.	0-456142	Elat. Ldr.
Jacobs, Edward L., Jr.	1st Lt.	0-1015936	Maint. Off.

"P" COMPANY

Weinberg, Milton	Captain	0-1012680	C.O.
Besty, Don E.	1st Lt.	0-1691724	Plat. Ldr.
Magee, Victor T.	1st Lt.	0-1016041	Plat. Ldr.
Schermerhorn, Herschel A.	1st Lt.	0-1013978	Plat. Ldr.

SERVICE COMPANY

Malozzi, Pasquale J.	Captain	0-317306	C.O.
Catron, Walter L.	Captain	0-363990	En. Maint. Off.
Converse, Luther L.	1st Lt.	0-1016216	T and S.
Boyd, William A.	1st Lt.	0-1012601	Co. Maint. Off.
Williams, Charles B.	WO JG	W-2131569	Asst. Maint. Off.
Good, William D.	WO JG	W-2122618	Motor Transport.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Lieberstein, Joseph H.	Captain	0-495905	Battalion Surgeon.
Sennartine, Sylvester A.	1st Lt.	0-1691752	Asst. Battalion Surgeon.

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CHANGE IN OFFICER ASSIGNMENT
During month of Jan. 1945.

NAME	SER. NO.	RANK	CHANGE	DATE
Boucher, Joseph M.	0-1015421	1st Lt.	Trfd from Bn Hq unasgd to Bn Hq and Aptd Asst S-3 for Air and Comm. Off.	2 Jan.
Moran, James B.	0-1012348	1st Lt.	Atchd to "B" Co from HQ Co	15 Jan.
Crittenden, Frank O.	0-453538	Major	Held as S-2 & Aptd Exec Off.	21 Jan.
Merrill, William M.	0-419963	Captain	Held as C.O. of Hq Co & Aptd. S-2.	21 Jan.
Werner, Walter B.	0-450125	1st Lt	Trfd from "D" Co to Hq Co & assumed command.	21 Jan.
Boucher, Joseph M.	0-1015421	1st Lt	Held as asst. S-3 for Air & Comm. Off. & Asgd to Bn Hq unasgd.	22 Jan.
Lee, Robert J.	0-1176706	1st Lt	Aptd asst S-3 for Air & Comm. Off.	22 Jan.
Gardiner, Henry E.	0-397013	Lt Col	To TDY - U.S. (left Bn 21 Jan).	25 Jan.
Elliott, John O.	0-319341	Major	Assumed command of Bn per D.P. by let AB Spec Orders (Actually assumed command 21 Jan.)	25 Jan.

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OFFICERS PROMOTIONS
During month of Jan. 1945

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SER. NO.</u>	<u>FROM - TO</u>	<u>DATE OF RANK</u>
Sanmartino, Sylvester A.	0-495905	2nd Lt to 1st Lt	17 Jan 1945

(Note: Sgt. James B. Kirks, 33045314, "B" Company, was aptd 2nd Lt in December on recommendation of Battalion Commander after he had been trfd to a General Hospital for wounds received in action).

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**HEADQUARTERS - BELFLEET TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ARMY**

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**OFFICER GAINS
During Month of Jan. 1945.**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SER. NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>ASST TO</u>
Oglesby, Douglas R.	0-1027310	1st Lt.	Hosp.	Hq & Hq Co - 30 Jan.

**OFFICER LOSERS
During Month of Jan. 1945.**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SER. NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASST HELD</u>	<u>TO</u>
Deal, Kenneth M.	0-408831	Captain	Asst. S-3 for Air & Comm O En. Hq.	Hosp.
Oglesby, Douglas R.	0-1017310	1st Lt.	Mortar Plat. - Hq & Hq Co.	Hosp.
Dumas, Edwin H.	0-1683505	1st Lt.	Reconn Plat. - Hq & Hq Co.	Hosp.
Haber, John M.	0-1012323	1st Lt.	Asst Plat Ldr - "D" Co.	Hosp.
Slipi, Charles G.	0-1683506	1st Lt.	Plat. Ldr. - "B" Co.	Rotated to U.S. Limited Service.
Shea, William T.	0-1013002	1st Lt.	Maint. Off. - "D" Co.	

SECTION IV - CASUALTIES

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
APO 251, U. S. Army.

In the field,
2 February, 1945.

SUBJECT: Battle Casualty Report.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

The following is a list of the battle casualties of this organization for the period from 1 January 1945, through 31 January 1945:

Tsg5	Iozzi, Louis R.	15088470	SWA	2 Jan '45	Company "A"
Pvt	Stuart, William B.	38011504	IWA	11 Jan '45	Company "B"
Pvt 3	Walter W. Morrison,	37512215	LWA	30 Jan '45	Company "B"

For the Commanding Officer:

Alfred K. Lee
ALFRED K. LEE,
Capt, P. A.,
Unit Personnel Officer.

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SECTION V - DECORATIONS

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
APO 251, U.S. Army

In the field,
2 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Decorations and Awards.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

Listed below are the decorations and awards received by members of this organization for the period 1 January 1945, through 31 January 1945:

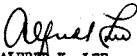
BRONZE STARS

1 Lt.	Carl W. Gaylord	0-2066090	GO #4, Hqs 1st AD, c.s. (Co "E")
S/Sgt	Paul (NMI) Short	36100118	GO #4, Hqs 1st AD, c.s. (Hq Co)
Tec 4	Harold V. Richardson	36100145	GO #4, Hqs 1st AD, c.s. (Co "B")
Sgt	Leonard P. Jatzlau	38029489	GO #4, Hqs 1st AD, c.s. (Co "C")
Cpl	James P. Kinser	35215437	GO #4, Hqs 1st AD, c.s. (Co "C")
Pvt	Edward J. Ellinger	33537895	GO #4, Hqs 1st AD, c.s. (Co "C")

PURPLE HEARTS

Tec 4	Russel W. Walker	37101619	GO #1, Hqs 1st AD, c.s. (Co "A")
Tec 5	Louie R. Iozzi	13086470	GO #1, Hqs 1st AD, c.s. (Co "A")
Pfc	Ralph J. Garcia	39087718	GO #1, Hqs 1st AD, c.s. (Co "B")
Pvt	William B. Stuart	38011604	GO #5, 16th Evac Hosp, c.s. (Co "B")

For the Commanding Officer:


ALFRED K. LEE,
Capt, F.A.,
Unit Personnel Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
A.P.O. 261, U.S. Army.

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8 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Activities.

TO: Adjutant General, 1st U.S. Army, Division

1. Report called for in Paragraph 4, Headquarters 1st A.D., A.G. 314.7, subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, dated 6 November, 1943 and Section II, Bulletin #4, dated 30 November 1943 and Section I, Bulletin #6, dated 11 January 1944, is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert J. Loew
ROBERT J. LOEW,
1st Lt., 13th Tk. Bn.,
Adjutant

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
1 FEBRUARY 1945 THRU 28 FEBRUARY 1945.

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SECTION I - ACTIVITIES

A.P.O. 251, U.S. Army

6 March 1945

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

1 Feb - 28 Feb 1945

At the beginning of the period the 13th Tank Battalion was located vicinity PORRETTA TERME, ITALY(L-580131) waiting to move to the vicinity SAN PIERO, ITALY(Q-597604). The CP closed at 1030A hours Feb 1, and opened at SAN PIERO at 1204A hours Feb 1. The march south across a high chain of the Appennines was made in 7 serials without incident, the last serial closing at 1155A hours Feb 2.

The first days were devoted to setting up camp and preparing for a period of training, rehabilitation, and rest. Brig. Gen. Daniels, assistant Division Commander, visited the battalion on Feb 3 and Maj. Gen. Pritchard, C.G. 1st Armored Division on Feb 5. A battalion review and presentation of awards was held on Feb 17.

"C" Company was attached to 6th South African Armored Division on Feb 18 and took over 14 M-4 tanks. Previously a thorough reconnaissance had been made of all positions. The relief was made without incident and CP was located in GARBIANO (L-795224). The tanks were scattered over a wide front. Eleven of the tanks were attached to 125 F.A. Battalion and were all employed as artillery except one which was used for direct fire against enemy positions, particularly the entrance to railway tunnels to the North. On Feb 23 "C" Company (-) was detached 6th S.A. Armored Division and closed in the battalion area Feb 24. Three of the tanks had been in direct fire positions vicinity VEGGIO(L-732239) and were retained in this position and attached CC"A", 1st A.D. on Feb 23. Personnel from "B" Company and "D" Company relieved these crews on Feb 28.

During the period a detailed reconnaissance was made for possible routes should the battalion be ordered to support the division. In addition 1 officer and 6 NCO's from "A" Company were attached to CC"B" to accompany patrols and reconnoiter possible routes of tank employment in that sector. The 1st Platoon "A" Company was attached to 1st A.D. Special Training Center on Feb 26 to be used for tank demonstration and experiments.

Training was characterized by maintenance, driving instruction, gunnery and small arms firing, supplemented by training films. Liberal time was given to athletics and recreation. The battalion operated a daily indoor picture show. The American Red Cross operated a club in the area, a dance band was attached to the battalion and a large percentage of the personnel attended rest centers in Rome and Florence.

For the Battalion Commander:

Robert J. Loe
ROBERT J. LOE,
1st Lt., 13th Tk Bn,
Adjutant.

SECTION II - OPERATIONS

(None)

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13th TANK BATTALION

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By Auth: CO 13th Tk Bn
Initials:
Date: 24 February 1945

DATE: 1 February 1945
PLACE: Via Forretta Terme, Italy (L-580151)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0730	1st Plt closed in Co Area 312545 Jan. Gaggio was shelled heavily when plt pulled out. Ry-pass at Crociolo was hit too. No one was hurt.	CO/C/15	CO/15
1030	Closed C.P. via Forretta Terme L-580151 at 1030		Info
1510	Opened C.P. via S. PIERO Q-597844 at 1510.		Info
1630	C.P.s of Companies at present (See Map 1/50,000, 106-IV) Bn Hq - Q-598845 Hq Co - Q-597845 "A" Co - Q-601839 "B" Co - Q-598841 "C" Co - Q-598841 "D" Co - Q-598812 Med Det - Q-598842 Serv - Q-598837	S-3/15	G-3/1 AD
	All vehicles closed in bivouac by 1830A with all vehicles except 1 Med Tk and 1 T-2 from "C" Co.		

DATE: 2 February 1945
PLACE: Via S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597844

1200	S/C/15 left Via Serv Co at 0900 hrs and arrived in biv at 1145. All present and without incident.	CO/C/15	S-3/15
1400	Maj Crittenden called - having trouble getting tank out. Wants the following sent at once: T-2 equipped with end connectors and grouzers, 3 boxes "C" ration and 3 boxes 10-in-1 ration. To report to Serv Co old area as soon as possible.	Exec Off	S-3/15
1405	"C" Co's T-2 is alerted to move following instructions of msg 1400 above. Will take grouzers and rations.	S-3/15	CO/C/15
1430	Capt. Jayne, "A" Co, 123rd Ord visited Bn for S/A Inspection.		Info
1445	Cancel previous instructions. Will use Westfield's (68 FA) T-2 and Rations.	Exec Off	S-3/15
1450	Above msg.	S-3/15	CO/C/15

DATE: 3 February 1945
PLACE: Via. S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597844.

1255	Gen. Daniel visited Bn. Area.		Info
1510	Gen. Daniel left.		Info
1630	Capt. Merrill, Bn S-2, arrived from Div G-2 School.		Info

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DATE : 10 February 1945
PLACE: Vico S. PIERO ITALY, Q-597844

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
	No entry.		

DATE : 11 February 1945
PLACE: Vico S. PIERO ITALY, Q-597844

No entry

DATE : 12 February 1945
PLACE: Vico S. PIERO ITALY, Q-597844

0845 Col. Curtis wants a staff officer at Div G-3 to see him G-3/1 AD 8-5/13
this afternoon. No particular time.

1830 Our move to take over 8 SA tanks is definite. Have Don 1/6-13 C.O./13
~~Party sent to position at 8 SA Bn. CP tomorrow at 1130 hr.~~
CP relocated in LAGARO L-745810. There are 4 tks in
direct fire posn and 11 in indirect. The indirect tks
will be tied in with the 125th FA Bn under 1st AD. The
four direct fire tks will be under C.C.A. (See proposed
movement and relief schedule 1st AD 10 Feb '45).

DATE : 13 February 1945
PLACE: Vico S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597844.

0945 A school will be conducted by the S A for our co that G-3/1 AD 8-5/13
is relieving them. We will send a Co Officer & 10 men.
These men will be the tank radio operators, also send
Comm. Sgt. and the Bn Comm. Off. They will report the
morning of 14 Feb to Reserve Signal Squadron at Santa
Barbara, Q-9544. A 2-day course. A regular school.
We can come and go to this school as we wish. Comm. Off.
can contact Maj. Eger, Div Sig Off for further info.

0945 Have the Off who attended the Flame Thrower Demonstration G-3/1 AD 8-5/13
write his remarks or criticism on demonstration
and submit to G-3 today.

1130 16th Engrs will give us 75' of 12' wide steel matting. 16th Engr 8-5/13
We are sending truck to 16th Engr Bn at 1500 hrs 14
Feb to pick it up.

1300 Water Point now operating at Q-598850.

DATE : 14 February 1945
PLACE: Vico S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597844.

No entry.

DATE : 15 February 1945
PLACE: Vico S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597844.

No entry.

DATE : 16 February 1945
PLACE: Vico S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597844

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DATE : 16 February 1945
 PLACE: Vic S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597844.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1015	A search will be made of Co's for a civilian bicycle, color grey with bell and celluloid covering over frame bar running from seat to handle bars. Celluloid is yellow-color, not as long as bar it covers. This bicycle was stolen approximately 10 days ago. A report will be submitted to this Hqs prior to 1700 hrs 16 Feb. Negative reports desired.	Exec Off	All Cos
0900	South African Range: Q-859841 & Q-561844. The above range has been allocated to your unit from 22 Feb-28 Feb, both dates incl. Please contact if any difficulties are encountered.	13 SA Inf	CG/13
1750	Gen Ditchard will not be able to visit your Bn tomorrow 8-5/1 AD. He must visit Army, Corps and 6 SA.	8-5/1 AD	8-5/13

DATE : 17 February 1945
 PLACE: Vic S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597844.

0950	Reports the theft of 1 latrine screen (approx 6'x 50" and brand new) and some shelter halves covering equipment. Theft took place last night.	B/13	8-3/13
1600	Radio course does not complete until Monday 19 Feb. Do I have authority to remain. Please advise.	Lt Cantley	8-3/13
1610	Answer No to above after consulting CG/Q/13.	8-3/13	Lt. Cantley
1620	Received F.O.#1, 1st A.D.		Info.

DATE : 16 February 1945
 PLACE: Vic S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597844

0800	Extracts from F.O. #1, 1st A.D.		Info.
	(1). C/13 detached 1st Arm'd Div effective 180800 Feb '45 and attached to 6 SA Arm'd Div effective same time.		
	(2). Take over 18 75mm tanks now manned by personnel of PAO 18 Feb 1945.		
	(3). 18th Tk Bn will furnish transportation for move of C/13 from PRATO area.		
	(4). C/13 13th Tk Bn (minus 1st Plt) detached 1 SA Arm'd Div and attend 1st Arm'd Div Arty effective 240800A Feb.		
	(5). 1st Plt C/13 detached 6 SA Arm'd Div and attend to C/O "A" effective 230800 Feb 1945.		

1600	To remind you that Hwy 6625 will not be travelled by this command. All driving personnel will be notified of this order.	Exec Off	All Cos
1800	Left S. PIERO 0800, arrived GABBIANO 1555 hrs w/o incl dent. Established communication with 128th F.A. Taking over 14 SA Tks. More details later.	CG/Q/13	8-3/13

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DATE: 18 February 1945 (Continued)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1735	Can you assemble your Bn by 1400A? Answer: Yes (S.S.C. Lecture)	Maj Earl G-3/1 AD	Exec Off
1745	All Co's will assemble at 1345 in theater S. Piero. Necessary guard only will be excused. There will be a lecture by an officer from 6GS.	S-3/13	All Co's
1900	C/13 closed via L-795224 at 1230A.	Mr. Good	S-3/13

DATE: 19 February 1945
PLACE: Via S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597841

No Entry

DATE: 20 February 1945
PLACE: Via S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597841

1215	D/13 moved from Q-585801 at 1000A to Q-607837, closed 1200A.	CO/D/13	S-3/13
2140	H/T out of communication for seven days. Request replacement tomorrow be sent to C.C.E. Instruction will be given there.	Lt. Gall- owny	S-3/13

DATE: 21 February 1945
PLACE: Via S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597841

Rn. CP moved from via Q-597844 at 1000A to via Q-597841/Note closed at 1130A.

1700	Secret: Additional vehicle collecting point now open at L-737112 (Lagoro)	S-3/1 AD	S-3/13
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DATE: 22 February 1945
PLACE: Via S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597841

1100	Send Liaison Off to Warrior 3 tomorrow morning with bedroll, etc., by 0800 hrs.	G-3/1 AD	S-3/13
1630	There will be a lecture at the picture show at 1315A hrs, Friday, Feb 23. All available personnell will attend. The following units have been notified--Hq, B, C, Serv, D.	S-3/13	All Co's Less A

1830	Go into and operate in Adm. net at 231200	Div Sig	
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1900	CP Company "C" L-795224 (2 tanks in this position--non firing) 1st Plat L-735238 (3 tanks in this position --direct fire) 2nd Plat L-795231 (4 tanks in indirect positions) 3rd Plat L-797237 (5 tanks in indirect positions)		
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DATE : 22 February 1945 (Continued)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1830	S. Africans plan to move tanks out of positions occupied by "C" Co now. Move will probably be the night of the 23rd. Capt Clay will have to furnish one (1) med. tank platoon in place of other S.A. tanks. Details later.	Col Curtis	S-3/13 G-3/1 AD

DATE : 23 February 1945
PLACE: Vio S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597841

0910	Send platoon leader (Lt. Hassold) over to Tn Hq to be there by 1430	Maj Brown	S-3/13 S-3 Tns
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0830	Capt Clay and his group are coming down tomorrow leaving behind only Lt. Liensermann and three tank crews at L-783238. I'm taking five (5) trucks up there early tomorrow morning (24 Feb), and will return later in the day. We will not have to send a replacement platoon of tanks up there for at least a week.	Mr. Good	S-3/13
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DATE : 24 February 1945
PLACE: Vio S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597841

1350	"C" Co closed in Bn area 1345A. Capt Clay is at Lt Liensermann's platoon.	1st Sgt "C" Co.	S-3/13
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1640	16th Engr Bulldozer with the crew is to report to Tn Hq in the morning to work on road into Tn Hq. Report to Office of C.O., Div Trains.	G-3/1 AD	S-3/13
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1845	Ret. 18 Engr dozer--see above message. Do not send it tomorrow--send it, plus one of 18th Tk dozers with Lt. Hassold's platoon, which will move day after tomorrow. The platoon will take with it the Brookway truck plus all Engr equipment it now has.	Maj Brown	S-3/13 Div Hq
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1903	Same as above.	S-3/13	A/13 Serv/13
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DATE : 25 February 1945
PLACE: Vio S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597841

1700	Col Howe wants Brookway truck and tractor and one (1) Cat; and "D" Co's Tk Dozer at 1330 on Feb 26. Lt Key's platoon from "A" Co will go to Div Tns tomorrow at 1330A.	Maj Brown	S-3/13
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DATE : 26 February 1945
PLACE: Vio S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597841

1000	Report on "Lessons Learned in Combat" for the February period to reach this Hq by 1800A 6 March 1945. Negative reports desired.	S-3/13	All Co's
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DATE : 26 February 1945 (Continued)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1100	Secret Light Line: From Corps Left Boundary at L-898090, thence east along O9 Worthing to a point at L-748090, thence north in a straight line to point at L-748145, thence in a straight line to point at L-766130 and east along 15 Worthing to road at L-803130, thence north along west side of RJ at L-811160, thence along north side of lateral road to RJ at L-855163, thence northeastward on a straight line to point on Hwy No 6531 at L-900205; thence eastward on a straight line to point on Corps rear boundary at GIUGNOLA (L-968179)	G-4/1 AD	S-3/13
1150	Send one truck 2 1/2 ton with driver to be put on detached service with training school. The truck is to be sent over with men coming this afternoon.	Maj Brews	Sgt Wolski S-3/13
1153	Inform Maj Crittenden that he should arrange to send over to us as many trucks rather than trucks as planned.	Capt Maj-	Sgt Wolski S-3/13
1400	Serv/13 finished firing on range 1355A hrs	Capt Mall	S-3/13
1410	Capt Werner would like to have your statement as soon as possible, as every thing else on the case is ready.	CO Hq/13	Maj Elliott CO/13
1545	Wind-shields will be lowered and covered on all vehicles north of line from RJL-783213 to bridge at L-653195.	G-4/1 AD	S-3/13
1550	Same as above.	S-3/13	All Co's
1600	Tanks which are being manned by "C" Co are having maintenance trouble. Div Maint. is now working on them. Suggested that we look into the matter and assist if possible. Information received by Maj Gilmore who called in person.	G-4/1 AD	Exec Off/13
2130	Have 1 officer and six men report to S-3 CCR 1020 hrs 27 Feb. They will be prepared to stay a week and will go on patrols to reconnoiter for tank routes and positions to put direct fire on Vergato. We want 76mm Co.	G-3/1 AD	CO/13
2200	See above.	CO/13	CO AB/S
2210	Lt Hitchcock and two men from each platoon will comprise the above detail.	CO "A"	CO/13

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DATE : 26 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2130	Lt. Col. Sporlock will be at Bn 1300 hrs 28 Feb to conduct a gas chamber for testing of gas masks. They will want to sleep until midnight.	C.W.O.	CO/13
1932	I want the best T-2 crew that you have to meet Lt. Haissel at Div Adv CP at 1930A tomorrow (Feb 27). They must have their own transportation to get there. They are to bring individual arms and bedrolls with 2 days rations. They will get further instructions from a Lt from B/123 Bn.	Col. Brown ing 125 Ord Bn	S-5/13

DATE : 27 February 1945

PLACE: Via S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597841

1615	Shower unit ordered back to 16 Engr Shower point new Q-596959	G-4/L AD	S-5/13
1820	WO Williams (Serv/13) was evacuated to a hospital at approximately 1400A. WO Williams was hit in the face by an end connector while changing a tank track vicinity SERRA DI VEGGIO(L-782239)	Lt Page B/13	S-3/13

DATE : 28 February 1945

PLACE: Via S. PIERO, ITALY, Q-597841

1245	Col Sporlock Div GWS Off will be detained, expects to be in your area approximately 1315A.	1 AD Bnar	S-3/13
1300	Three trucks of Serv Co now with B Co 16 Engr Bn will return to Serv Co/13 at 0800A 1 March 1945. They will be replaced by three trucks and drivers. A guide from B/18 will accompany them back.	Lt Bou- cher LO/13	S-5/13
1735	First Platoon C/13 moved from L-733238 at 0800A to Q-596841, closed 1730A hrs.	C/13	S-3/13
2000	Truck deal for tomorrow is off but I do want 5 trucks at Wheaty/B (16 Engr) by 1800A March 1, 1945 (L-675132).	Lt Bou- cher LO/13	CO/13 Maj Elliott

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SECTION III - PERSONNEL

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

ROSTER OF OFFICERS
As of 28 Feb. 1945.

NAME	RANK	SER. NO.	ASSIGNMENT
<u>BATTALION STAFF</u>			
Gardiner, Henry E.	Lt Col	0-397013	TDY - U.S.
Elliott, John C.	Major	0-319341	C.O. by D.P.
Crittenden, Frank C.	Major	0-453538	Executive Off.
Lee, Robert J.	1st Lt	0-1176706	S-1, & Asst S-3 for Air & Comm
Merrill, William M.	Captain	0-419963	S-2
Fulk, Hubert A.	Major	0-302453	S-3
Gilmore, Hugh R.	Captain	0-1013271	S-4
Boucher, Joseph M.	1st Lt	0-1015421	Liaison Off.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS UNASGD

Brown, William R.	1st Lt	0-1013085	Unasgd.
Deal, Kenneth M.	Captain	0-408831	TDY - U.S.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Werner, Walter B.	Captain	0-450125	C.O.
Galloway, Donald E.	1st Lt	0-1014406	Assault Gun Platoon.
Jacobs, Edward L., Jr.	1st Lt	0-1015936	Mortar Platoon.
Harper, Wesley W.	1st Lt	0-1012655	Recon Platoon.
Palmer, Randolph M.	1st Lt	0-1030400	Maint. Off.

"A" COMPANY

Butts, Joel B.	Captain	0-378925	TDY - U.S.
Hassold, Ernest J.	1st Lt	0-1014605	C.O. by D.P.
Key, Dwight O.	1st Lt	0-465778	Plat. Ldr.
Hitchcock, Iale R.	1st Lt	0-1018002	Plat. Ldr.
Duhms, Edwin H.	1st Lt	0-1683505	Plat. Ldr.
Erdman, William E.	2nd Lt	0-2001661	Maint. Off.

"B" COMPANY

Gaylord, Carl W.	1st Lt	0-2056090	C.O. by D.P.
Hutchings, John M., Jr.	1st Lt	0-441955	Plat. Ldr.
Page, Charles D.	1st Lt	0-1691803	Plat. Ldr.
Oglesby, Douglas R.	1st Lt	0-1017310	Plat. Ldr.
Humphries, Harvey C.	1st Lt	0-1012414	Maint. Off.
Spencer, Robert W.	1st Lt	0-1015926	D/S with Div. Spec. Serv.

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"Q" COMPANY

Clay, Frank B.	Captain	0-24937	C.O.
Lienemann, Alfred A., Jr.	1st Lt.	0-1016037	Plat. Ldr.
Cantley, Roger H.	2nd Lt.	0-1999210	Plat. Ldr.
Thompson, Milton H.	1st Lt.	0-1691777	Plat. Ldr.
Noren, James R.	1st Lt.	0-1012348	Maint. Off.

"R" COMPANY

Weinberg, Milton	Captain	0-1012680	C.O.
Beaty, Don E.	1st Lt.	0-1691724	Plat. Ldr.
Schermerhorn, Herschel A.	1st Lt.	0-1013978	Plat. Ldr.
Johnson, Robert A.	1st Lt.	0-456142	Plat. Ldr.
Huber, John M.	1st Lt.	0-1012323	Asst. Plat. Ldr.
Mages, Victor T.	1st Lt.	0-1016041	Maint. Off.

"S" COMPANY

Mallozzi, Pasquale J.	Captain	0-317306	C.O.
Astron, Walter M.	Captain	0-363990	Bn. Maint. Off.
Converse, Luther L.	1st Lt.	0-1016216	T and S.
Boyd, William A.	1st Lt.	0-1012601	Co. Maint. Off.
Good, William D.	WO JG	W-2122818	Motor Transport.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Lieberstein, Joseph H.	Captain	0-495905	Battalion Surgeon.
Sammartino, Sylvester A.	1st Lt.	0-1691752	Asst. Battalion Surgeon.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTIETH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ArmyCHANGES IN OFFICER ASSIGNMENT
During month of Feb. 1945.

NAME	SER. NO	RANK	CHANGE	DATE
Johnson, Robert A.	0-456142	1st Lt.	Trfd from "C" Co. to "D" Co.	9 Feb.
Brown, William R.	0-1013085	1st Lt.	Reld as Liaison Off & trfd. Bn Hq Unasgd	24 Feb.
Boucher, Joseph M.	0-1015421	1st Lt.	Asgd Bn Hq & aptd Liaison Officer	24 Feb.
Jacobs, Edward L.	0-1015936	1st Lt.	Trfd fr "C" Co to Hq Co	25 Feb.
Harper, Wesley W.	0-1012655	1st Lt.	Trfd fr "A" Co to Hq Co	25 Feb.
Dugme, Edwin H.	0-1683505	1st Lt.	Trfd fr Hq Co to "A" Co	25 Feb.
Erdman, William E.	0-2001661	2nd Lt.	Trfd fr Hq Co to "A" Co	25 Feb.
Noren, James R.	0-1012348	1st Lt.	Trfd fr Hq Co to "G" Co	25 Feb.
Oglesby, Douglas R.	0-1017310	1st Lt.	Trfd fr Hq Co to "B" Co	25 Feb.
Gaylor., Carl W.	0-2056090	1st Lt.	Assumes Command "B" Co per D.P.	28 Feb.
Hassold, Ernest J.	0-1014605	1st Lt.	Assumes Command "A" Co per D.P.	28 Feb.

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army.**

**OFFICER GAINS
During Month of Feb. 1945.**

NAME	SER. NO.	RANK	FROM	ASST. TO
Dukme, Edwin H.	0-1683505	1st Lt.	Hosp.	Hq & Hq Co
Huber, John M	0-1012323	1st Lt.	Hosp.	"D" Company
Deal, Kenneth M.	0-408831	Captain	Hosp.	Bn. Hq. Unasgd.
Cantley, Roger E.	0-1999210	2nd Lt.	Battlefield Commission	"C" Company
Krdman, William E.	0-2001661	2nd Lt.	Battlefield Commission	Hq & Hq Co

**OFFICER LOSSES
During Month of Feb. 1945.**

NAME	SER. NO.	RANK	ASGMT HELD	TO
Parham, Alvin P.	0-392467	Captain	C.O. "B" Co.	Rotation-U.S.
Williams, Charles B.	W-2131569	WO JG	Asst. Bn. Maint. Officer.	Hosp.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army.

OFFICERS PROMOTIONS
During month of Feb., 1945

NAME	SER. NO.	FROM - TO	DATE OF RANK
Werner, Walter B.	O-450125	1st Lt to Capt.	14 Feb. 1945

(Note: S/Sgt William E. Erdman, 39077882, Hq. Co., and Sgt Roger H. Cantley, 20714403, 'C' Company, received Battlefield Commissions as of 15 Feb & 8 Feb. respectively).

SECTION IV - CASUALTIES

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
APO 251, U. S. Army.

2 March 1945.

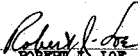
SUBJECT: Battle Casualty Report.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

The following is the battle casualty report of this organization for the
period 1 - 28 Feb/45.

None.

For the Commanding Officer:


ROBERT J. LOW,
1st Lt., 13th Tk. Bn.,
Adjutant.

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SECTION V - DECORATIONS

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

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In the Field
28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Decorations and Awards.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

Listed below are the decorations and awards received by members of this organization for the period 1 February 1945, through 28 February 1945:

BRONZE STARS

Major	Frank C. Crittenden	0453528	GO #10, Hqs 1st AD, os (13th Tk Bn)
Capt.	Alvin P. Farham	0392487	GO #12, Hqs 1st AD, os (Co "B")

PURPLE HEARTS

Tco 5	Walter W. McFerron	37512215	GO # 9, Hqs 1st AD, os (Co "B")
Capt.	Alvin P. Farham	0392487	GO #10, Hqs 1st AD, os (Co "B")
Capt.	Joseph H. Lieberstein.	0495905	GO #10, Hqs 1st AD, os (Med Det)
Pvt.	Walter S. Massey	36695678	GO #12, Hqs 1st AD, os (Co "B")

For the Commanding Officer:

Alfred K. Lee
ALFRED K. LEE
Captain, F. A.
Unit Personnel Officer

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SECTION VI - COMMENDATIONS

HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
THE COMMANDING GENERAL

3 February 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 13th Tank Battalion.

THRU : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

1. It is a source of gratification to commend you, your officers and enlisted men for superior performance of duty during the period November to 2 February 1945 in Italy.

2. During this time your battalion with its willing cooperation and aggressive determination and despite the difficulties encountered by hazardous terrain, roads and adverse weather conditions, proved to be the backbone of the defense astride Highway 54 in the vicinity of Riola, Italy. At all hours of the day and night the battalion promptly and efficiently carried out the tasks it was called upon to accomplish.

3. Under forceful, aggressive and capable leadership the 13th Tank Battalion has earned for itself the high esteem and admiration of the IV Corps and the troops it supported.

c/WILLIS D. CRITTENBERGER
t/WILLIS D. CRITTENBERGER
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

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ROBERT J. LOR,
1st Lt., 13th Tk. Bn.,
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
A.P.O. 261, U.S. Army.

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9 April 1946

~~SECRET: Report of Activities~~

TO : Adjutant General, 1st U.S. Armored Division.

1. Report called for in Paragraph 4, Headquarters 1st A.D., A.G. 314.7, subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, dated 6 November, 1945 and Section II, Bulletin #4, dated 30 November 1945 and Section I, Bulletin #6, dated 11 January 1944, is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert S. Loe, Jr.
ROBERT S. LOE, Jr.
1st Lt., 13th Tk. Bn.,
Adjutant

INCL:
Report of Activities.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
1 MARCH 1945 THRU 31 MARCH 1945.

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SECTION I - ACTIVITIES

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
A.P.O. 251, U.S. Army.

WRB/vhf

9 April 1945

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

1 March - 31 March 1945

The 13th Tank Battalion was undergoing an intensive training period during March 1945 at SAN PIERO, ITALY(Q-597841).

Training was characterized by platoon tactical problems, driving instructions, and stream crossing exercises. Firing consisted of tank guns and co-axial machine guns; a tank grenade course; small arms were fired on a prepared range and sub-machine guns on a simulated combat course. "A", "B" and "C" Companies and key personnel from Headquarters, "D" and Service Companies attended the 1st A.D. Special Training School for intensive training in stream and obstacle crossings in preparation for future operations in the Po Valley.

The 105mm assault guns were attached to 68th Arm'd P.A. Bn. in firing positions vicinity RIOLA, ITALY(L-650200) and moved to new positions vicinity LAGARO, ITALY(L-785218) on March 16.

One platoon from "B" or "C" Company manned tanks in direct firing positions vicinity GRIZZANA, ITALY(L-725230). Platoons were rotated at regular intervals. 1st platoon "A" Company was attached to 1st A.D. Special Training School as cadre. They were relieved by 3rd platoon "A" Company on March 26.

Battalion reviews and presentation of awards were held on March 24 and 31. Lt. Col. Gardiner returned from Temporary Duty, U.S.A., and assumed command of the Battalion on March 18 and Major Elliott reverted to battalion executive officer. A Battalion review was held March 13 in conjunction with the Commanding Officer's return.

At the end of the period, "B" Company had been alerted to receive 17 new M4A3-76mm tanks and "D" Company 11 M24 light tanks. At the present time, the Battalion is equipped with: "A" Company, M4A3-76mm; "B" and "C" Companies, M4-76mm; "D" Company, M5 lights 37mm; and the assault guns, M4A3-105mm.

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert J. Loe
ROBERT J. LOE,
1st Lt., 13th Tk. Bn.,
Adjutant

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SECTION II - OPERATIONS

JOURNAL
13th TANK BATTALION

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: Initials :
: Date: 1 March 1945 :

DATE: 1 March 1945
PLACE: Vio. S. Piero, Italy, (Q-597841)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1000	Additional Division (Large) Shower Point at Q-669858, now open.	G-4 1 AD	S-3/13
1300	The platoon at Camp Dogpatch will not be dropped from the 13th.	CO D/P CS 13/A	S-3/13
1345	Major Oswald called about laundry. Capt. Merrill was to pick it up. When it arrives please drop it at air-strip north of Prato.	Maj Oswald	Capt Merrill
1640	I want a T-5 with a driver and winch operator to report to Dog Patch tomorrow. Can attach to platoon send 1 aircraft signal projector and one ground signal projector. Have these people report to Lt. Key.	Col Howe	S-3/13
2134	Have one $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck report to P.E.O. office Div. Headquarters by 1200A tomorrow. Driver to have full field equipment and be prepared to stay for at least 5 days.	G-4 1 AD to S-4/13	S-3/13

DATE: 2 March 1945
PLACE: Vio. S. Piero, Italy, (Q-597841)

0915	Above message relayed to Hq. Co. Wilco.	S-3/13	Hq Co/13
1240	Send 16 Engr Tank Dozer and M-32 over to Dog Patch plus 1 M-32 from 13th Tk Bn now.	Maj Brown	S-3/13 Dog Patch
1430	Two M-32's and one 16 Engr tank dozer moved at 1330 to Dog Patch.	Serv Co	S-3/13
1530	Hq. Co., "A", "B", "C", and Serv. Co's attended training films 7-275, 5-962, and CB #1. Attendance approximately 325. "D" Co not there.	Spec. S. O/13	S-3/13
1645	Lt. Hutchings believes he will be relieved tonite after last patrol. Wants truck to meet him in Grizzano at M.P. post to bring back men. Will call when arrangements are positive.	Lt. Hutch-	S-3/13 ings

DATE: 3 March 1945
PLACE: Vio. S. Piero, Italy, (Q-597841)

1230	We can have the mine demonstration trailer and inst-ruator for the week of the 12th. We will have to send a $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck to the 16th Engr Bn Hq at L-746088, to be there at 1300A 3/11/45. They will stay at the 13th the 12th and 13th for demonstrations. We will return them on the 14th. This arrangement has been made for us by G-3 with the 16th Engr.	Lt Boucher	S-3 LO/13
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DATE: 4 March 1946
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy, (Q-597841)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0938	Dental inspection will take place at 0900A Tuesday, March 6.	Med/13	S-3/13
1400	13th Tk. Bn. is authorized to exchange 14 rds of 81mm mortar smoke for 14 rds of 81mm mortar HE	MaJ Earl G-3/1 Ad	S-3/13
1200	Submit report in accordance with Daily Bulletin #80 dated 29 September 1944.	CWS Off 1st AD	Lt Boucher LQ/13

DATE: 5 March 1946
PLACE: Vic S. Piero, Italy, (Q-597841)

No entry.

~~DATE: 6 March 1946~~
~~PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy, (Q-597841)~~

0830	What time will the men leave here to go up and replace the D/13 men?	B/13	S-3/13
0832	The men will leave here 1600A.	S-3/13	B/13
1036	Captain Beare (British) from the 2918 Civil Labor Unit in Prato called regarding civilians being used to police S. Piero. Labor can be arranged for 145 Lire per day. 66 Lire for wages and 80 Lire living bonus. At least 40 civilians are available for work.	Capt Beare GLU Prato	S-3/13
1100	Sgt. Sklansky called for Lt. Brown and asked that he send a weapons carrier for guide for the USO Show.	5th Army E/S	Lt Brown
1110	Contact <u>Coppini Terso</u> for details about working men.	Capt Beare GLU Prato	S-3/13
1320	You can take all the 75mm ammunition over 5500 rds from the position you took over the South African tanks. We will call G-4 II Corps to see if you can take more.	Lt Boucher LQ/13	S-3/13
1330	The same NCO that is coming with the Engr truck will be the instructor to give the mine detector demonstration to Recon. Plat. 16 Engrs request we send peep in place of truck which we intended to 16 Engr CP. All the equipment necessary for demonstration can easily be put in peep.	Lt Boucher LQ/13	S-3/13

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Date: 6 March 1945 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1330	Div. and 16 Engrs. S-3 say it is impossible at this time to release an officer or NCO instructor to our Pioneer platoon. G-3 suggests that we ask Col. Howze for the loan of an NCO of the Engr. platoon he has attached to him.	Lt Boucher	S-3/13 LO/13
1330	G-4 will try to get 4000 of observers bullets and 10 German rifles to shoot it from Army. G-4 will try to notify us tonight as to results.	Lt Boucher	S-3/13 LO/13
1330	G-3 will attempt to make arrangements today for firing range in the TRAVALLE area which is in the 34 Div. area. If arrangements are made Army approval will be required.	Lt Boucher	S-3/13 LO/13
1840	Lt Key A/13 (attached to Camp Dog Patch) is going to the hospital with gum trouble, Lt Duhme A/13 will replace him.	CO A/13	Exec O/13

DATE: 7 March 1945

PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy, (Q-597841)

1630	Lt Harper will attend a secret demonstration of a mine clearing device on 101400 March vicinity Q-726787.	G-3/1 AD	S-3/13
1812	Windshield line on route 6620 moved to L-750194 effective 0800A 6 March. Division shower located at L-709189 closed.	G-4/1 AD	S-3/13

DATE: 8 March 1945

PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy, (Q-597841)

0905	We would like to borrow a light tank with ammunition in it today. Have it turn in at the 123 Ord Bn sign and come through the farm area to the camp as the bridge down by the camp will not take a tank.	Maj Brown	CO/13 Camp DP
0910	Send 1 light tank over to Camp Dog Patch Q-635745 to be used on demonstration.	Exec O/13	D/13
1730	"D" Co tank sent to Dogpatch has returned. They were only needed for a few hours.	CO/D	CO/13

DATE: 9 March 1945

PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy, (Q-597841)

1030	Request 8 trucks for use in hauling bridging this afternoon.	Dogpatch	S-3/13
1100	Only 4 trucks are available for this afternoon.	Serv/13	S-3/13
1105	Relayed above to Dogpatch - they will give us details before noon.	S-3/13	Dogpatch

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DATE: 12 March 1945
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy, (Q-597841)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1830	Col. Gardiner is in Florence. Will report to Div. Commander 1000 hrs tomorrow. Send a vehicle to pick him up at Div. Pwd.	G-1 1 AD	CO/13
1910	I saw Col. Simmerman and he asked me to pass on that Col. Gardiner would like to have his peep pick him up at the Hotel Excelsior (Florence) at 130800. I believe you were informed to have his peep at Div Hq but this is the way the Col. wants his peep.	Lt Hass- old A/13	S-3/13

DATE: 13 March 1945
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy, (Q-597841)

1345	Company commanders may carry pistols at review this afternoon.	S-3/13	All Co's
1350	Turn into Div Message Center not later than 18 March/Div SO all outgoing encoded traffic for the period 1 - 15 March 1945. Complete address and originating Hqs will be shown on each coded message. Negative report required.	S-3/13	

1605	Lt Col Gardiner has arrived in Rn Area	Capt Merr- Maj Elliott 111	
2045	Reference TM#22 Warrior, dated 11 March 1945. All units will make a positive check that tanks and other vehicles equipped with FM radios which go to the Division Special Training School have crystals installed and radios tuned to operate on the Warrior intercommunication channel #74.	Maj Eager Sig Off/13	

DATE: 14 March, 1945.
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

No entry.

DATE: 15 March, 1945.
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

0930	1st Arm'd. Div. BSL (Bomb Support Line) is L-700290 - L-730290 - L-730300 - L-818300.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
1800	Route 6422 between L-670133 and Castiglione (L-728099) will be closed to W. bound traffic, except for peeps from 1700A to 2000A, 15 and 16 March.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
1805	Same as above.	S-3/13	All Co's.
DATE: 16 March, 1945. PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)			
1300	Assault Gun Platoon moved to L-785218 last night.	LQ/13	S-3/13

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DATE: 16 March, 1945 (cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1800	68 F.A. C.P. at L-768236.	LQ/13	S-3/13
1900	Lt. Boyd and Lt. Johnson will attend school at Dogpatch with "B" Co. starting 19 March.	S-3/13	Lt. Boyd & Lt. Johnson
1800	3rd Plt. "C"/13 moved from Q-595841 at 0830A to vico. L-744262, L-751242 and L-725233 to relieve 2nd Plt. "B"/13. Move not reported completed at 1800A.	"C"/13	S-3/13

DATE: 17 March, 1945.

PLACE: Vico. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

0745	You asked for 650 fragmentation grenades, G-3 will give us 200 and we can draw them today. We are not going to do any camouflaging - no intentions - just straight G.D. Capt. Grimore's nothing can be done about his orders. They were picked but he was chosen based on his qualifications, training, and civilian experience. He will return to us and remain with us. This training will have some basis after termination of war. They want a man from Bn. who will go on the radio on the 20th March. The program "We Who Serve Speak" is the topic of discussion. "Compulsory training in the U.S. in Peace Time." We have to pick a man for that. He has to be smart. I will give you more details tomorrow when I come down. This is an open style of discussion. As soon as possible, send the selected man's name and ASN to I/AD, I. & E. Section.	LQ/13	S-3/13
0950	3rd Plt. "C"/13 closed 182030 vico. L-74426, L-751242, "C"/13 L-725233.	"C"/13	S-3/13
0950	2nd Plt. "B"/13 closed vico. Q-599841 at 0100A.	"B"/13	S-3/13
1525	Restricted: All wheeled vehicles traveling North of the EB northing will be sand bagged. Sandbags will not be carried by vehicles traveling to the Division rear area. (Prata).	G-4 I/AD	S-3/13
1530	Same as above.	S-3/13	All Co's.
DATE: 18 March, 1945.			
PLACE: Vico. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)			
0900	13th Tank Bn. representative for radio program will be Sgt. Samuel T. Sullins ASN 34147256 from "A"/13.	S-3/13	I. & E. I/AD

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DATE: 18 March, 1945 (cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1300	The following regulations are to be upheld by members of this Bn. visiting "Dogpatch": 1. G-3 will be notified 48 hrs. in advance of any visitors going to Dogpatch as casuals or for a period. 2. No one will mess at Dogpatch. Visitors will arrange for their own chow. 3. Visitors or observers going to Dogpatch will remain and depart in their own group - no wandering or intermixing. 4. It is suggested that all people will wear coveralls.	S-3/13	G-3 1/AD
1400	"B" Co. left Q-599841 for three day school at "Dogpatch" at 1400 hrs.	S-3/13	
1500	"B" Co. closed "Dogpatch" Q-635745 at 1500 hrs.	S-3/13	
1430	Route 6422 between Castiglione (L-728099) and L-670133 will be closed to all traffic, except those peeps, according to the following schedule: Closed to East bound traffic: 18 March from 1300A to 1700A 19 March from 0630A to 0730A Closed to West bound traffic: 18 March from 1630A to 1830A 19 March from 1830A to 1830A 20 March from 1830A to 1830A	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
1435	Same as above.	S-3/13	All Co's. & Staff
1500	"B" Co. 13th moved from Q-599841 at 1400A to attend three day school at Division Training Center (Camp Dogpatch), closed Dogpatch (Q-635745) at 1500A.	"B"/13	S-3/13
DATE: 19 March, 1945. PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)			
0900	Lt. Harper dispatched to look for tank problem area south of the Arno.	S-3/13	Lt. Harper
1325	Lt. Galloway went to the hospital with jaundice. We have sent an officer to take his place, he will be there until you send an officer to replace him.	Ex. O. 88 F.A.	S-3/13
1445	Plan "Falcon" received.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13

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DATE: 19 March, 1945 (cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1825	Lt. Harper returned approx. 1800. Found suitable area for problems about 10 miles south-east of Pistoia. Will investigate it tomorrow A.M.	Lt. Harper	S-3/13
DATE: 20 March, 1945. PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)			
1055	We have a conditioning march scheduled for this afternoon. We would have a small turn out due to the maint. plit. working on tanks and the transportation plit. all out on details. (Conditioning march cancelled).	CO Serv/ 15th	S-3/13
1230	Explosive Air Corps ammunition is not at Air Corps dump yet. Will need G-3 approval to draw more ammunition. Will deliver 750 rds. of .30 Cal. to "B" and "C" Co's. this P.M. Capt. Cribbs will let us know when we can draw more ammo.	Lt. Con-verse Serv/13	S-3/13
1545	All drivers will be warned to drive slowly on freshly oiled sections of the Montepiano - Prato road.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
1550	Same as above.	S-3/13	All Co's.
1645	Capt. Catron will attend "Recoilless" weapons demonstration at 1430 21 March vic. I-830001.	S-3/13	Capt. Catron
DATE: 21 March, 1945. PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)			
1420	A.R.C. Club for E.M. will be open at Prato on the 22nd of March. Hours: 1000 - 1800 and 1800 - 2200. A bar will be open during the latter two hours. Wed. & Sat. will be for Officers. Will be a dance at the Officer's Club on 24 March at 2000 hrs. and a dance every Wed. & Sat. after that.	Special Serv/ 1/AD	S-3/13
1450	Training schedules due in 1200 23 March. Consolidated schedule due Div. G-3 1800 23 March.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
1600	"D" Co. wants to have tactical walk on Friday instead of Thursday as scheduled due to difficulty in procuring athletic field. (Permission granted).	"D" Co.	S-3/13
1840	Lt. Converse called and stated that lost jeep had been located at 630 M.P. Co. in Pistoia. Is going in to pick up.	Lt. Con-verse	S-3/13
1940	Capt. O'Hara from Div. G-1 office called and wants one Lt. to report to him tomorrow morning prepared to stay for a two week period to liaison from Div. Hq. to Corps Hq. The officer the Lt. will replace is in the hospital and is expected back in two weeks.	G-1 1/AD	S-3/13

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DATE: 22nd March, 1945.
PLACE: Vio. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0800	Range for next week approved.	Col. John- son, Div. Tns.	S-3/13
0915	"R" Co. moved from Camp "Dogpatch" Q-635745 at 0730. Closed Q-599841 at 0930.	"R"/13	S-3/13

DATE: 23 March, 1945.
PLACE: Vio. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

1130	Tank recovery vehicle, model and number, will be included in S-3 report. Also name of staff officer attending Dogpatch.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
1645	Highway #6620 between Castiglione (L-728099) and Lefaro (L-743181) will be closed to all traffic from 232800A March to 240600A March 1945.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
1650	Same as above.	S-3/13	All Co's.
1655	Their will be a T/2 school Mon. & Tues. All car commanders, drivers and winch operators should attend.	S-5/13	Ex. O. 13th
1655	Above message to be published in Daily Bulletin 24 March.	NOTE	
1940	Capt. O'Hara called and requested we drop our Rome rest camp allotment, inasmuch as all our officers have attended or had the opportunity to do so. The General would also like to have Mr. Good written up for the Bronze Star.	G-1 1/AD	S-3/13
2115	Unless otherwise notified by the Engineer's plan to feed 45 men at Dogpatch when we send a company. The Engineers will try to inform us a day or two in advance. No news on the range yet.	L0/13	Ex. O. 13th
DATE: 24 March, 1945. PLACE: Vio. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)			
1030	Have arranged a small arms inspection with 123rd starting on the 2nd April, 1945. This inspection took 2 or 3 days the last time. If I can have a schedule by 30 March, I will try to schedule an arms inspection, at least a half day per Co.	Lt. Con- verse S/13	S-3/13
1040	G-3 received approval from Corps and Army for your tank training area. The only limitation is that you do not interfere with the replacement center.	Sgt. Mich- elson, Div. Tns.	S-3/13

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DATE: 24 March, 1945. (cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1300	1st plt. "B" Co. moved from Q-599841 to vic. L-731242 to relieve 3rd plt. "C" Co.	"B"/13	S-3/13
1133	All maint. officers will attend T/2 school Mon. & Tues. Details will follow.	Ex. O. 13th	All Co's.
1135	Range officers will report to this Hq's. 261300A for reconnaissance; Tommy Gun Range with En. Range officer, Lt. Jacobs.	S-3/13	All Co's.
1145	T/2 school will start 0800 hrs. Monday. Transportation will leave En. Maint. 0715 daily. The noon meal will be eaten at 1233rd Ord. Hq's.	S-3/13	All Co's.

DATE: 24 March, 1945. (cont.)

1400	The 27 P.A. have two tanks they want to test fire. Can we use the range you people are firing tommy-guns on?	Capt. Brown	Ex. O. 13th
1400	Re: above message: O.K. to fire about 10:30 Tuesday morning.	Ex O.	Capt. Brown
1600	I am switching Lt. Hitchcocks and Lt. Key Monday, but Lt. Key will have to stay with Lt. Hitchcocks for a few days to get him oriented. Therefore, I would like to run the Co. problem Fri. instead of Tues.	CO A/13	Ex. O. 13th
1800	Re: above: Make the switch on your training schedule and follow Friday's schedule Tues. unless otherwise notified.	Ex. O.	CO A/13 13th

DATE: 25 March, 1945.

PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

0745	The 3 tank crews of "C" Co. closed in Co. area at 0500 hrs which had been manning tanks in CC"A" sectors.	1st Sgt. C/13	C.O. 13th
0920	T-2 school for tomorrow is cancelled. G-3 will put out a schedule as to when we are to attend. It is believed we will attend on Wed. 28th.	Lt. Con- verse Serv/13	S-3/13
1425	The relief of 3rd plt C/13 with 1st plt B/13 completed at 2100A. Tanks located at L-725233, L-744258 - L-740274. C.P. at L-744273.	Mr. Good Serv/13	S-3/13
1650	The T-2 recovery vehicle school has been cancelled. The schedule calls for attendance at T-2 school on 2nd and 3rd April. You will receive further details.	S-3/13	All Co's. 13th
1840	There will be 42 men and 3 officers from the 16th Engrs. for rations at the demonstration starting tomorrow night (March 28) for a period of 4 days.	S-3 16th Engr.	S-3/13

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DATE: 25 March, 1945 (cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1842	Same as above.	S-3/13	C/13
DATE: 26 March, 1945.			
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)			
0900	Camp "Dogpatch" will keep our T-5. Don't send another.	Major Brown	S-3/13
1100	3rd plt Able Co. moved from Q-601839 at 1100 to "Dogpatch" to relieve 1st plt Able Co.	C.O. A/13	S-3/13
1402	C/13 moved to "Dogpatch" at 1400A.	C/13	S-3/13
1630	3rd plt "A" Co. completed relief of 1st plt "A" Co. at 1215A.	C.O.	S-3/13
1630	1st plt "A" Co. moved from Camp "Dogpatch" at 1330 - closed Q-601839 at 1500 hrs.	C.O. A Co.	S-3/13
1600	"C" Co. closed "Dogpatch" at 1600 hrs.	C/13	S-3/13

DATE: 27 March, 1945.

PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

0735	"D" Co. change in schedule; exchanging crew drill and close order drill between today and tomorrow.	C.O. D/13	S-3/13
1500	Service Co. needs another CW operator to assist on their radio. One of their operators was evacuated due to illness. (None available from Hq. Co. - will try "C" Co.)	Lt. Harper	S-3/13

DATE: 28 March, 1945.

PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

1505	Col. Johnson (Div. Reserve Comdr.) will be at 13th Tan& Bn tank problem assembly area between 0800 - 0830 29 March to watch D/13 problem.	Capt. Brown-Div. Tns.	S-3/13
1515	Road from L-686130 to L-686168 is closed to all traffic.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
1640	Same as above.	S-3/13	All Co's. 13th
1800	Bridge at Q-566790 is out. Broken by elements of this command today 28 March.	S-3/13	G-3/ 1/AD
1830	All tanks closed Q-599841 at 1800A. One tank had a bit of trouble with idler.	B/13	S-3/13

SECTION III - PERSONNEL

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTIETH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

ROSTER OF OFFICERS
As of 31 Mar. 1945.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER. NO.</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
<u>BATTALION STAFF</u>			
Gardiner, Henry E	Lt Col	0-397013	G.O.
Elliott, John O	Major	0-319341	Executive Off.
Lee, Robert J	1st Lt	0-1176706	S-1 & Asst S-3 for Air & Comm Off
Merrill, William M	Captain	0-419963	S-2
Crittenden, Frank O	Major	0-453538	S-3
Gilmers, Hugh B.	Captain	0-1013271	S-4
Solcher, Joseph M.	1st Lt	0-1015421	Liaison Off

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS UNASGD

Fulk, Hubert A.	Major	0-302453	DS w/camp Dogpatch
Deal, Kenneth M.	Captain	0-408831	TDY - U.S.A.
Brown, William R.	1st Lt	0-1013085	Unasgd (I & E and Spec Sv Off)

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Werner, Walter B.	Captain	0-450125	G.O.
Falser, Randolph M.	1st Lt	0-1030400	Assault Gun Platoon.
Jacobs, Edward L., Jr.	1st Lt	0-1015936	DS w/Prov Engr Co 1st AD
Harper, Wesley W.	1st Lt	0-1012655	Recon Platoon
Deavers, Arvin S., Jr.	1st Lt	0-1011049	Mortar Platoon (Engr & Security Plat)

A COMPANY

Butts, Joel B.	Captain	0-378925	TDY - U.S.A.
Hansold, Ernest J.	1st Lt	0-1014605	G.O. by D.P.
Key, Dwight O.	1st Lt	0-465778	Flat. Ldr.
Hitchcock, Isle R.	1st Lt	0-1018002	Flat. Ldr.
Duhme, Edwin H.	1st Lt	0-1683505	Flat. Ldr.
Erdman, William H.	2nd Lt	0-2001661	Maint. Off.

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7B COMPANY

Gaylord, Carl W.	1st Lt	0-2056090	O.O. by D.P.
Hutchings, John M, Jr.,	1st Lt	0-441955	Plat. Ldr.
Page, Charles D.	1st Lt	0-1691803	Plat. Ldr.
Oglesby, Douglas R.	1st Lt	0-1017310	Plat. Ldr.
Bumphries, Harvey C.	1st Lt	0-1012414	Maint. Off.
Spencer, Robert W.	1st Lt	0-1015926	DS with 1st AD Spec Sv

7C COMPANY

Glay, Frank B.	Captain	0-24937	O.O.
Lienemann, Alfred A, Jr.,	1st Lt	0-1016087	Plat. Ldr.
Gantley, Roger H.	2nd Lt	0-1999210	Plat. Ldr.
Thompson, Milton H.	1st Lt	0-1691777	Plat. Ldr.
Horan, James R.	1st Lt	0-1012348	Maint. Off.

7D COMPANY

Weinberg, Milton	Captain	0-1012680	O.O.
Beaty, Don E.	1st Lt	0-1691724	Plat. Ldr.
Schermerhorn, Herschel A.	1st Lt	0-1013978	Plat. Ldr.
Johnson, Robert A.	1st Lt	0-456142	Plat. Ldr.
Devine, John J.	2nd Lt	0-1018864	Asst. Plat. Ldr.
Huber, John M.	1st Lt	0-1012323	DS w/1st AD Prov Engr Co
Magee, Victor T.	1st Lt	0-1016041	Maint Off (DS w/1st AD HQ)

SERVICE COMPANY

Mallosi, Pasquale J.	Captain	0-317306	O.O.
Catron, Walter L.	Captain	0-363990	En. Maint. Off.
Converse, Luther L.	1st Lt	0-1016216	Trans and Supply
Boyd, William A.	1st Lt	0-1012601	Co. Maint. Off.
Ellis, Charles W.	2nd Lt	0-557214	Asst. Plat. Ldr.
Good, William D.	WO JG	W-2122818	Motor Transport

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Lieberstein, Joseph H.	Captain	0-495905	Battalion Surgeon
Sammartino, Sylvester A.	1st Lt.	0-1691752	Asst. Battalion Surgeon.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

OFFICER GAINS

During Period 1 - 31 Mar 45.

NAME	SER NO.	RANK	FROM	ASSED TO
Kirks, James B	0-1999078	2nd Lt	Hosp	Co "B"
Deavers, Arvin S. Jr.	0-1011049	1st Lt	Replacement	Hq Co.
Devine, John J.	0-1018864	2nd Lt	Replacement	Co "D"
Miller, Charles W.	0-257224	2nd Lt	Replacement	Serv Co.

OFFICER LOSSES

During Period 1 - 31 Mar 45.

NAME	SER NO.	RANK	ASST HELD	TO
Kirks, James B	0-1999078	2nd Lt	Asst Plat Ldr Co "B"	Hosp
Galloway, Donald E.	0-1014406	1st Lt	Assault Gun Plat - Hq Co	Hosp

OFFICERS PROMOTIONS

During Period 1 - 31 Mar 45.

None.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army*CHANGES IN OFFICER ASSIGNMENT
During month of Mar. 1945.

NAME	SER. NO	RANK	CHANGE	DATE
Fulk, Hubert A	0-302453	Major	Reld as S-3	14 Mar.
Crittenden, Frank C	0-453538	Major	Reld as Exec Off and aptd S-3	14 Mar.
Elliott, John C.	0-319341	Major	Reld as C.O. and aptd Exec Off	14 Mar.

* Exclusive of duty changes within Companies.

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SECTION IV - CASUALTIES

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTIETH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

1 April 1945.

Battle Casualty Report
~~For Period 1 - 31 March 1945.~~

No battle casualties were incurred by this unit during the period
1 - 31 March 1945.

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SECTION V - DECORATIONS

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army**

1 April 1945.

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

Listed below are the decorations and awards received by members of this organization for the period 1 Mar 45, through 31 Mar 45:

BRONZE STARS

Tec 5	Edgar L. Linnam	19087020	GO #14, Hqs 1st AD es (Co "B")
Tec 5	Samuel M. Ortman	28008731	GO #18, Hqs 1st AD es (Sv Co)
WO JO	William D. Good	W-2122618	GO #23, Hqs 1st AD es (Sv Co)
1st Lt	CHARLES D. PAGE	0-1691803	GO #19, Hqs 1st AD es (Co "B")
1st Lt	LUTHER L. CONVERSE	0-1016216	GO #23, Hqs 1st AD es (Sv Co)
Capt	JOEL D. BUTTS	0-378925	GO #24, Hqs 1st AD es (Co "A")
Capt	JOSEPH H. LIEBERSTEIN	0495905	GO #24, Hqs 1st AD es (Med Det)

PURPLE HEARTS

Pfc	Walter Betsch	97912720	GO #18, Hqs 1st AD es (Med Det)
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OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEARTS

Tec 5	Waldo G. Winkler	18016148	GO #20, Hqs 1st AD es (Co "D")
Tec 4	Harlan P. Ratliff	35021130	GO #20, Hqs 1st AD es (Co "D")

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

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11 May 1946.

~~OBJECT: Report of Activities.~~

TO : Adjutant General, 1st U. S. Armored Division.

1. Report called for in Paragraph 4, Headquarters 1st A.D., A.G. 314.7, subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, dated 6 November, 1943 and Section II, Bulletin #4, dated 30 November 1943 and Section I, Bulletin #6 11 January 1944 is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert J. Loe
ROBERT J. LOE,
1st Lt., 13th Tk. Bn.,
Adjutant

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Report of Activities.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
1 APRIL 1945 THRU 30 APRIL 1945.

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SECTION I - ACTIVITIES

HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
A.F.O. 251, U. S. Army.

MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

(1 April - 30 April)

April 1, 1945, found the Battalion in San Piero, Italy undergoing training in gunnery and tactical problems. Company "B" was preparing to draw new M-4A3 tanks, and Company "D", M-24 light tanks. On the 2 April, Company "D" turned the M-5A1 tanks in to Ordnance. However, it was not until 6 April that they completed drawing the M-24's. Company "B" drew their M-4A3 tanks on 3 April. On 6 April, we were notified that "B" Company had to turn in the M-4A3 tanks, redraw the M-4's, and fight them until the tanks were worn out. We would be able to replace any M-4 tanks lost in the coming operation with M-4A3's. The Commanding Officer made the decision that any M-4A3 tanks which came into the battalion during combat would be sent to Company "B" and the M-4's kept concentrated in Company "C".

On 9 April, the assault gun platoon returned to the control of the battalion for the first time since October, 1944. 9 April, they were again attached to the 98th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, remaining under that unit for the first phase of the operation in the Fo Valley.

Also on 4 April, the first platoon of "B" Company, which had been manning the South African tanks in the 1st Armored Division sector, was returned to the battalion. The battalion was attached to CC "A" for training.

5 April through 8 April was spent in making reconnaissance for firing positions in the Vergate area. 8 April through night of 10 April, the battalion moved from San Piero to the vicinity of L-607164, near Silla, Italy. Coincident with the move, reconnaissance was carried on by Company Commanders, platoon leaders, and the battalion staff. Company "A" was attached to the 81st Reconnaissance Squadron 9 April, and occupied positions on the Castelnuovo ridge and at Carbona, south of Vergate. Company "C" (-2 platoons) was attached to CC "B" and closed in an assembly area (L-743218) near Pian di Sella in the South African sector. The 1st and 3rd platoons of "C" Company remained with the battalion moving to the assembly area near Silla.

10 April, Company "A" was attached to 8th Arm'd Infantry Battalion upon completion of the relief of the 81st Reconnaissance Squadron by that unit.

11 April, Company "A" was attached to CC "B". 3rd platoon Company "A" moved to an assembly area at L-649233, near Santa Maria Labate. D-day was postponed for 24 hours from 12 April to 13 April.

13 April, Company "D" was reorganized into a two platoon company, each platoon having five tanks, with the remaining two tanks in company headquarters. D-day was postponed until the 14th. The night of the 13th and 14th, "C" Company (-2 platoons), and 3rd platoon of Company "A" moved to firing positions. 2nd platoon of Company "A" moved from Carbona to positions on the Castelnuovo ridge.

14 April, at 0945 hours, the 10th Mountain Division, on our left, pushed off in the attack. At 1430 hours, 3rd platoon of Company "A" was attached to the 14th AIB. 3rd platoon of Company "C" relieved 3rd platoon of Company "A" on their firing positions. 1st platoon of Company "C" moved to the assembly area at L-649233. At 2000 hours, the battalion was attached to CC "B". At 1700 hours, the 14th AIB, with 3rd platoon of Company "A"

attached, moved out in the attack on Mt. Foro, pushing all night. By the morning of the 15th, they had reached positions in the vicinity of Monticello, south of Suzano.

At 160800B, "B" Company was attached to 11th AIB for the operation. The battalion C.P. moved from the Silla area to a position west of Vergate at L-668245, near Mt. Finocchia. At 1720 hours, 3rd platoon of Company "A" reported that they were on the outskirts of Suzano, held up by small arms and machine gun fire. By 2015 hours, all resistance had been cleaned out and we occupied the town. The days advance had been supported by fire from 1st platoon "A" Company, 2nd platoon of "A" Company, and Company "C" (-2 platoons), their fire being coordinated from a fire direction center set up by the battalion.

2nd platoon of "C" Company and the "C" Company command tank was detached CC"B" and attached to the 81st Reconnaissance Squadron effective 180920B, after CC"B" had seized Mt. Foro. The battalion F.D.C. was closed at 1200B. The battalion (-3rd platoon of Company "A", Company "B", and 2nd platoon of Company "C") assembled in the vicinity of L-694244, south of Vergate. The assembling was completed by 170740B, when the battalion was closed at the village of the 17th and the morning of the 16th were spent on maintenance and rest. Company "B" and 3rd platoon of Company "A" were returned to battalion control and assembled in the vicinity of Tolo at L-669299. 2nd platoon of Company "C" returned to battalion control at 180900B.

The afternoon and night of the 18th and 19th, the battalion moved to L-673513, in the vicinity of Tolo. The night of the 19th, it moved to L-671320, across the river.

At 201245B, the battalion was attached to CC"A", and moved that afternoon to Zappolino (L-700428). Upon arrival there, Col. Howe ordered the battalion with attached infantry to prepare to attack that evening along the axis of the Samoggia River to reach to 50 northing in the Po Valley. At 1900 hours, the attack was launched with Company "B" on the left, Company "C" in the river bed, and Company "D" on the right. A platoon of "B" Company 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached to Company "D", and a platoon to Company "B". Company "A" was in reserve following the advance. The attack moved well. Some small arms fire was encountered. At 2080 hours, an enemy S.P. knocked out three "C" Company tanks, killing two men, seriously wounding an officer, and wounding five other men.

At 210500B, the mission was expanded. The battalion was ordered to split into two columns, sending one North to cut Highway 9, West of Bologna, and sending the other Northwest to capture Castelnuovo (L-6780). "A" and "D" Companies, 13th Tank Battalion, under Lt. Col. Gardiner, Battalion Command: Officer, assumed the mission of cutting Highway 9, and Company "B", under Major Elliott, Battalion executive officer, moved out on the second mission. One company of the 6th AIB accompanied Task Force Gardiner, another went with Task Force Elliott, and a third remained in reserve with Company "C", 13th Tank Battalion. Task Force Gardiner reached Highway 9 at about 210730 hours. Elements of the 10th Mountain Division were there ahead of them, engaged in a fire fight when they arrived. The column continued on after servicing, with the mission of reaching the Po River by the best possible route. Around 1200 hours, a change in mission was received and the column was recalled. Later, it was sent to join Major Elliott's column.

Meanwhile, Tank Force Elliott had run into small arms, S.F., and bazooka fire while attempting a canal crossing. Disengaging and moving North along the canal, they effected a crossing at 1800 hours. "C" Company with its company of infantry was sent to join them there, finally catching them at 1900 hours. The Battalion C.P. moved up and crossed the canal at 1815 hours. Castelfranco was secured at 2000 hours. At that time, the battalion was given the additional mission of seizing and securing the bridge across the Ruvato River at Trivisio (L-6288). Company "A", Company "D", and the Battalion C.P. moved up to join the column. The tank destroyer platoon was relieved and sent back to its parent unit. Company "C" took the northern route, Company "B" the southern route to the bridge. About 200 yards short of the bridge, our columns ran into small arms and artillery fire. At about 220230B, the bridge was secured. Company "B" and 3rd platoon of Company "A" outposted the bridge. Company "C" took the lead of the column, pushing out at 0530 hours. At 0620 hours, Capt. Clay reported that his advance was stopped by demolitions at a canal crossing. At 0920 hours, they crossed the canal and moved on rapidly. At 1256 hours, the battalion was ordered by GC "A" to push reconnaissance for the Rocchia River crossings. They were again held up while looking for a crossing of that river, reaching the other side at about 1430 hours. Resistance, consisting of small arms, was met at 1600 hours and cleaned out by 1700 hours. By 2100 hours, the objective was secured. The C.P. closed in at 2130 hours at L-473828. Major Elliott, meanwhile, with Company "B" (- 2 platoons) and 3rd platoon of Company "A", plus one platoon of Company "B", 8th AIB, had been detached at 1830 hours and moved to clear Madonna. A report of the action of these units while they were detached is appended to this history.

At 230345 hours, the battalion moved out in the attack with the mission to reach the Po River. "D" Company led the column, with one platoon of Company "A" attached. The advance proceeded without incident until 0615 hours, when a blown bridge halted the column. Another route to the Po was found, and the battalion reached the vicinity of the river at about 1000 hours. We were assigned the mission of clearing suspected areas in the vicinity of Gaustolla. At 1600 hours, while the companies were on the above mission, the battalion was attached to the 10th Mountain Division and alerted to move as soon as possible to the vicinity of San Benedetto Po, there to await orders. The move was begun at 1900 hours, the C.P. closing in at F-588185 at 2330 hours.

The following day, the 24th, the Assault Gun platoon returned to the battalion at 1510 hours. During the day, reconnaissance was made for assembly areas North of the Po in preparation for an attack on Verona. At 1930 hours, "D" Company began the crossing on the only operative ferry. Later, another ferry was put in operation, and we used it also. Crossing was very slow, however, and by the morning of the 25th, we had only 3 medium tanks, 7 light tanks, and one T-2 on the North side. Nevertheless, the attack on Verona moved out at 0800 hours, with Company "D" (-) in the lead. The C.P. and the rest of the battalion, except Company "B", completed the crossing at 260100B. Meanwhile, Lt. Col. Gardiner, with eight "B" Company tanks, moved up to join "D" Company in the attack, leaving at about 1900 hours. Company "A", Headquarters, Assault Gun platoon, and Company "C", 13th Tank Battalion moved in that order at 260130B to join the forward elements of the battalion. Verona was entered during the night,

the 88th Division having reached the outskirts in the evening of the 25th. 1st platoon of Company "A" went with the infantry to clear the town. The balance of the battalion was assembled south of town vicinity F-614614. Company "B" joining about 1200 hours. At 1200 hours, Companies "C" and "D" (1st platoon) were assigned the missions of reconnoitering for crossings or possible bridge sites on the Adige River in the vicinity of Buscolongo (F-5458). 2nd platoon of Company "A" was attached to Company "D" (-) for the mission. "D" Company's mission was changed at the last minute to the mission of seizing and scouring the bridge at Soga (F-5163). While the companies were out on their mission, the battalion was relieved from the 10th Mountain Division and instructed to proceed to Roverbolla (E-466368) and join 1st Armored Division. Company "C" was on its objective at 1600 hours. The bridge that Company "D" was after was blown while they were enroute to it. The Battalion was reassembled the evening of the 26th and the morning of the 27th in the vicinity of F-478372 near Roverbolla.

At 271230B, movement was begun to join 1st Arm'd Div. in the vicinity of Castiglione (F-2648), closing at F-264492 at 1442 hours. Upon arrival there we were attached to the Reserve Command, along with 11th AIB and 27th ~~Infantry~~ ~~Division~~.

With 1st platoon of Company "D" with attached infantry covering the north flank, the battalion moved out following 11th AIB. 1st platoon of Company "A" was advance guard for the Reserve Command column. The mission was to follow CC "A" to Broseio. The final destination was changed several times during the night, and at 280945B, the battalion halted in the vicinity of Brivio at F-445932. Road blocks were set up at critical road junctions and bridges with the mission of intercepting any enemy columns moving North to escape from the Po Valley. At 1900 hours, Company "C" was sent to intercept an enemy column fighting at Borgamo. The company chased it some distance NE of Borgamo, but were unable to catch it, returning to the battalion the following day.

The 29th and 30th of April were spent generally in rounding up and escorting prisoners of war to P.W. cages as well as establishing road blocks. Elements of Company "D" escorted a German Army Commander to the rear the morning of the 29th, as well as a good many P.W.'s. Company "A" captured an 8 car passenger train. Road patrols were set up by "A" and "C" Companies in conjunction with the road blocks (designed to clear the areas south of Brivio).

At 300830B, the battalion moved from Brivio to Arezzo at E-356816. At 1030 hours, part of Headquarters Company was sent with the S-2 to Monza, (E-3277) to guard the German S. & Police Headquarters from which about 500 P.W.'s, including a Major General, were taken. Company "C" was sent to Milano on a similar mission.

The end of the month found the battalion well scattered in the Milano area, escorting P.W.'s, guarding areas of former German occupation, and policing Milano.

For the Commanding Officers:

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ANNEX TO
MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

"TASK FORCE ELLIOTT"

At 221850, orders were received to form a Task Force under command of Major Elliott. The force organized consisted of "B" Company (-2 platoons), 3rd platoon of "A" Company, and one Company 6th AIB. After numerous changes in missions, the force finally moved out at 1930 hours with the mission of clearing the town of Modena and establishing a bridgehead to protect Corps engineers who were to work on the blown bridge vicinity of L-630640, approximately 9 miles SE of town.

The infantry was mounted on the tanks. The plan was to circle the town once on a South, West, North, East course. If no enemy was encountered, we would then proceed through the center of town. Again, if no resistance was met, the force would proceed to the bridge.

As we approached the town, we saw German flares shoot from the center of it. We saw a knocked out M-413 tank at the road junction leading to town, and as we had no idea how long it had been there, or if the anti-tank gun was still present. The infantry was dismounted and the encircling of the town commenced. The infantry flanked the tanks and we proceeded along the outer road. As we approached the center of the East edge of town darkness was closing in, and it was decided to move through the center of town from East to West. The civilians would gather around the vehicles and then suddenly disperse and run for cover. This was a confusing attitude, and coupled with the usual reports of 5 enemy tanks being in the vicinity and hundreds of Germans being everywhere, the situation was doubtful. The German road blocks were still intact, and therefore, our advance was canalized through the main street. There were many high buildings in town and it was completely dark before we passed through the center of town. However, when we reached the southwest section of town, no enemy had been encountered, so the infantry was remounted and we prepared to push on to the bridge as rapidly as possible. As we approached the edge of town, small arms fire was heard, and loud reports and flashes resembling anti-tank fire was heard and seen along our axis of advance. We were not yet clear of all buildings, so the infantry was again dismounted, the tanks put in fire positions, and all avenues of approach well covered. It took approximately 40 minutes to investigate all possibilities, but nothing was found, and it was decided the fire must have been Partisans shooting and throwing grenades. (The echo and re-echo of the grenades among the buildings increased their volume). The force was re-assembled and we pushed on at 15 k.p.h. About two miles out of town we received our first and only radio message stating three (3) M4 VI tanks were tailing our column. A section of 76mm tanks were dropped off to protect our rear. At L-605640 (about 6 miles out of Modena) we encountered a blown bridge. Lt. Gaylord reconnoitered the stream to the North, and I reconnoitered the stream to the South. We were each covered by 3 infantrymen. No possible crossing was found. The new plan was: 2 platoons of infantry would march to the bridge and outpost the engineers. "B" Company (-) would go into

position on the west bank of the stream with particular attention to our south flank, one platoon of infantry would cross the stream and establish listening posts, the "A" Company platoon and machine gun platoon of infantry would return to Madona and set up road blocks to protect the northeast entrance to town.

At about 0300 hours, the infantry company commander received the following message over his company net, "I am a prisoner of war, for God's Sake give us a break." Then he lost contact. The message was unrecognizable, but at the same time, vehicles were heard moving along the road toward the tanks. These vehicles were between the listening posts and our tanks. It was too dark to observe them closely (location of friendly elements were unknown). When German voices were heard, our leading tank opened fire and destroyed the first German vehicle. The reticle light in the gunner's sight blew out, and he was unable to lay his gun accurately. However, he continued to fire and killed 7 enemy, and though the other enemy vehicle withdrew a distance of 400 yards and attempted to destroy the vehicles, his continued fire caused three crews to surrender. (His first round killed the officer in command). ~~The fifth vehicle was not located. Upon investigation, we learned the vehicle was 25m S.P. and that the Germans had captured our listening post, hence the mysterious message. We could not further investigate the vehicles or the whereabouts of the missing one, as our mission was changed at daylight and a resuffling of the force was necessary. The change in mission was - Send one platoon of tanks and one platoon of infantry to escort the General to the Po. The platoon on road block was selected as it was the one most able to move out rapidly. This necessitated bringing in the "B" Company tanks and balance of infantry to set up road blocks to protect the town. This was deemed advisable as the civilian reports of enemy activity proved reliable in the case of the five German S.P.'s and the presence of a number of Germans in the town. The infantry attached to the force rounded up some enemy in and near the town and those, plus the captured crew members, swelled the German prisoners in the local jail to 375 officers and men by the time the force left town.~~

At 1000 hours, the remainder of the force was ordered to move to Reggio and clear it of enemy. As we were about to depart, we learned the 34th Infantry Division reconnaissance unit was also moving on that town. This was reported to the Division liaison officer, who had just delivered the new order. He relayed this information to Division and our orders were cancelled, and we were ordered to report to the Chief of Staff. In order to transport our infantry, we were forced to commandeer the local fire rescue wagon. The remainder of the force (plus fire truck) then reported to the Chief of Staff who gave us orders to report to our own battalion, who were then located at San Bonodotto Po. No maps were available, and only a sketchy knowledge of the route could be had.

It was decided the infantry could not be transported, as the fire truck had run out of fuel and had to be towed by a tank the last few miles. The tank crews gave all but two meals of their rations to the infantry and they bivouaced in place. The force took off and eventually located the battalion.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

RECORD OF EVENTS

3rd Platoon Company "A" For 23-24-25
April 1945

At 1030 hours, 23 April, 1945, the 3rd platoon Company "A", 13th Tank Battalion plus the machine gun platoon of the 6th AIB were attached to Division Headquarters for the purpose of escorting the division convoy to Guastalla. The trip was made without incident and closed at Guastalla at approximately 1300 hours. At about 1400 hours, the 3rd platoon of Company "A", 13th Tank Battalion and the machine gun platoon of the 6th AIB were alerted to move west on Highway 62 with an aggressive reconnaissance mission commanded by Col. Howze.

The first opposition was encountered at Ronotto, where 30 to 40 Germans were killed while trying to make an escape crossing of the river in boats. Immediately a German captain surrendered his troops and the mission was continued. Light and scattered opposition consisted of only small arms fire and was encountered until the vicinity of Brusello where a small German garrison with considerable ammunition and gasoline were destroyed. An American M4 tank with German insignia was also knocked out by Sgt. Snidor's crew. Between Brusello and Sorboto, a German convoy containing considerable anti-aircraft artillery and equipment was destroyed, and nearly all personnel killed or captured. At the same place, a self propelled gun was knocked out by the platoon leader's tank. At Sorboto, the bridge across the river was blown, and it was necessary to take a by-pass that was being used by the Germans, and enter the town from the south. The Germans had constructed a wooden bridge across the stream and when the platoon neared the bridge, small arms fire was received and an attempt was made by the Germans to destroy the bridge by pouring gasoline and setting it on fire. Each tank crew, with the help of the infantry, took their water supply from the tanks and put out the fire. The crossing was then made, and the platoon moved on into the town with only scattered small arms resistance. Road blocks were set up on the main intersection of the town at 1900 hours. At that time, an attempt was made to contact higher headquarters. At 1930 hours, the platoon moved on west toward Rama. About 3000 yards short of the town, a road block was encountered and it was necessary to take a by-pass and enter town from the North. Upon entering the town, the Germans were taken completely by surprise and many vehicles and personnel destroyed. Road block was set up in the center of the town, and several more vehicles destroyed and much personnel killed or captured. The town was entered at approximately 2000 hours. After considering the situation, it was decided that we did not have enough infantry to outpost us properly inside the town. Due to the fact that ammunition was low and the gasoline supply was nearly gone, it was necessary to move into a night laager near the town. At 2045, the platoon moved out of town about 3000 yards to the northeast. The platoon closed in the area about 2115 hours and set up for the night. A very heavy and alert guard was maintained during the night and three German soldiers came into the area at different times during the night and surrendered. The following morning, 24th April,

at 0830 hours the platoon moved to Highway 82 three miles east of town to wait for units of the 1st Tank Battalion with a company of infantry and supplies. Those units arrived at 1400 hours and after refueling and replenishing the ammunition were alerted to move out at 1430 hours south of Highway 9 where the 3rd platoon of "A" Company, 13th Tank Battalion and machine gun platoon of 8th AIB set up a road block where one company of the 1st Tank Battalion and one company of infantry moved through to attack the town down Highway 9. When the advance units of the attack were stopped by tank and anti-tank fire, the 3rd platoon of Company "A", 13th and machine gun platoon 8th AIB were called up to circle the town and enter from the south. While making reconnaissance of a canal crossing, a German officer surrendered his complete unit of about 50 men without a shot being fired. A crossing of the canal had been completed and the platoons were ready to move into the town when orders came to move back to their parent organization. On the return down Highway 9, the leading elements of the platoon encountered a German artillery convoy on which they opened fire. Four of the vehicles were knocked out, the convoy cut up, and the commanding officer captured with important enemy documents, and many of his men killed or captured. The remainder of the return trip was without incident. An approximate count of destroyed vehicles was around 100 with an undetermined number abandoned. There were between 1600 and 2000 prisoners passed on the way back to the rear.

The platoon joined the battalion at 0700 hours on 25th April, 1945, at San Bonadette Po.

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert J. Lee
ROBERT J. LEE,
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SECTION II - OPERATIONS

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MOVEMENT ORDER)

NUMBER * * * 1)

1. GENERAL:

The Battalion will move from present area to vicinity L-607168 commencing 9 April 1945.

2. ROUTES:

a. Route (A) as shown on attached overlay will be used by "A", "B", "C", "D", and Hq Companies.

b. Route (B) as shown on attached overlay will be used by Service Company.

3. IP:

Q-596826.

4. CONVOY NUMBERS:

Each vehicle will be distinctly marked front and rear with convoy number as shown in Annex No. 1, March Table.

5. MARCH UNITS:

March units will be composed as shown in Annex Noe 1.

6. MARCH TABLE:

Attached.

7. RATE OF MARCH:

a. The speed of the lead vehicle of each Wheeled-Vehicle march unit will not exceed 15 MPH.

8. INTERVAL:

A. Daylight and at night using lights - 50 yards.

B. Blackout - 25 yards.

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9. LIGHTS:

Lights will be used to VENTURINA (RJ L-593089). From this point, to the Corps light line, each march unit will use regular lights on four vehicles; viz. the leading vehicle, the last vehicle and two intermediate vehicles.

10. FLAGS:

Blue flag on lead vehicle and green flag on last vehicle of each serial.

11. TRAFFIC CONTROL:

By IV Corps and Division MP.

12. SECURITY:

- a. Radio silence will be observed.
- b. Camouflage discipline will be observed immediately upon arrival in assembly areas.

13. UNIFORM:

Coveralls, steel helmets.

14. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Company Commanders will be held responsible that there is no firing of weapons of any type, by personnel in the convoy at telephone wires, poles, insulations or other objects during the march.
- b. Commanders will insure that speed limit, interval and usage of lights is complied with.
- c. Routes will be unusually congested during the period and it is essential that all march units comply strictly with scheduled timings.
- d. Unit representatives will precede columns by 10 minutes to RJ L-593089.
- e. No halts will be effected.

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Cmdg

OFFICIAL:

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Enclosures: Overlay Route A and B.
Annex No. 1, March Units
Annex No. 2, March Table

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

8 April 1945

ANNEX NO. 1)
TO :
MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 1)

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u>
"A"	17 - Tanks 1 - T-2 1 - H/T 3 - Gas Trucks 1 - A-2 Truck - Hq. 1 - Communications Truck - Hq. 1 - Tank-Service Company
"D"	14 - Tanks 1 - T-2 1 - H/T 1 - H/T Medics 1 - Kitchen truck 2 - Dosers 3 - Gas trucks 2 - Tanks-Service Company
"B"	17 - Tanks 1 - T-2 1 - H/T 1 - Kitchen truck 3 - Gas trucks 1 - Tank-Service Company 1 - T-2
"C"	11 - Tanks 1 - T-2 1 - H/T 2 - Gas Trucks 1 - Kitchen truck 2 - Tank-Service Company 2 - Tanks- Hq Company 1 - T-3- Service Company 1 - Wrecker
HQ.	10 - H/T 1 - Kitchen truck 2 - H/T-Medics 1 - Ambulance 3 - Gas trucks 2 - 3/4 Ton-Service Company 1 - H/T Maint. Serv.
SERVICE	21 - Trucks 1 - 3/4 Ton 1 - Wrecker

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MARCH TABLE

8 April 1945.

ANNEX NO. 2)
TO
Movement Order No 1)

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UNIT	MARCH UNIT	DATE	CONVOY NUMBER	REACH IP	REACH TCP 51 PISTOLA	REACH RJ Q-504990	REACH RJ Q-594090	REACH TCP 1 (SILLA)	REACH DESTINATION
"A" Co.	1	9 Apr	IV-N-103	0030	0130	0245	0345	0410	0445
"D" Co.	2	9 Apr	IV-N-103	0050	0150	0305	0405	0430	0505
"C" Co.	1	9 Apr	IV-N-110	2315	0015	0130	0230	0250	0325
Sv Co.	1	10 Apr	IV-N-124	2325	2355		0110	0135	0150
Hq Co.	11	10 Apr	IV-N-116	2330	0930	0145	0245	0310	0345
"B" Co.	2	10 Apr	IV-N-116	2350	0050	0205	0305	0330	0405

(Note) "A" and "D" Companies - one serial
"C" Company - one serial.
Service Co. one serial.
Hq. and "B" Companies - one serial

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Initials:
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DATE: 1 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1400	Companies will submit plans for tactical walks to S-5 one day prior to tactical walk period.	S-5/13	All Co's. less Serv/13
1610	Have an officer gunnery instructor report to Reserve Commander tomorrow. He is to instruct the light tank Co. of 81st Cav. Res. Sqdn. in gunnery.	G-3	S-3/13
1620	"C" Co. will furnish Lt. Thompson and one H.C.O. Will report to Reserve Commander in Prato tomorrow morning.	S-5/13	"C"/13
1800	I have called "Dogpatch". T-2 crew at "Dogpatch" will not attend T-2 school as we have no T-2 crew to replace them.	Major Grittenden	S-5/13
2130	"B", "C", and "D" T-2 crews will not attend T-2 school starting tomorrow. A/G plt will arrive here around 040800A April. We do not have definite time of relief for tank crews, but we will be given sufficient notice to pick them up. No information on ammo allotment as yet. Division notified of request for ranges for April 4, 5, 6 & 7. It is O.K. Division knows about us not attaching plt to "Dogpatch".	LQ/13	S-5/13

DATE: 2 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

1450	Eleven M5A1 tanks delivered to ordnance. Eleven M-24 tanks haven't arrived at ordnance to date. Expect them to arrive possibly tomorrow.	C.O. "D"/13	S-5/13
1745	Do not send the companies to "Dogpatch" tomorrow. "Dogpatch" closes tonight.	G-5 1/AD	S-3/13
1800	3rd plt "A" Co. will be relieved tomorrow A.M.	Maj Falk	S-5/13

DATE: 3 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

1110	3rd plt "A" moved from "Dogpatch" at 1000 hrs. Closed Q-601839 at 1035 hrs.	C.O. "A"/13	S-5/13
1300	CG"A" - CG"B" boundary is changed to conform with present 11th Arm'd Inf. Bn - 14th Arm'd Inf. Bn. boundary effective 021600B.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13

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DATE: 3 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Vico. 8, Piero, Italy (Q-897841)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1315	17 M4A3 tanks received by "B" Co. today. Maintenance being performed.	G. O. "B"/15	S-3/15
1330	Tomorrow have one jeep with two enlisted men at Q-898225 to guide A/G plt which will be arriving from the east along Autostrada.	S-2/15	Hq./15
1425	Your Dog battery (15th A/G's) will be on the road joining the Autostrada tomorrow morning at 0715R. Have a guide there to guide them in.	S-4 08th P.A.	S-3/15
1435	There has been a slight change in ammo figures. 70mm remains the same. 70mm H.E. 256 rds. 70mm H.P. Smoke 100 rds. 70mm H.E. 1222 rds. 70mm H.C. 255 rds.	Capt. Wilson G-3 1/AD	S-3/15
1455	Same as above.	S-3/15	IA. Com- verse Serv/15
1535	We would like you to send one S 1/2 ton to be at War- hawk C.P. by 1800R to pick up your plt of tankers. (GC"B")	Capt. Wilson G-3 1/AD	S-3/15
1600	Reference msg. above: IA. Comverse will dispatch truck.	S-3/15	IA. Com- verse Serv/15
DATE: 4 April 1945 PLACE: Vico. 8, Piero, Italy (Q-897841)			
0800	Assault plt. closed in this area Q-897845 at 0750R.	Capt. Warner	S-3/15
0835	IA. Ferguson D.A.C. called me and said there has been a change: all we will be able to draw is 49 rds of 70mm smoke.	S-4/15	S-3/15
0857	Our M4A3 108mm closed 0800R.	"G"/15	S-3/15
1010	Mr. Roe would like to use the theatre Friday evening for a band concert.	SA Units	IA. Brown
1250	Can you carry six medium tanks in your Serv. Co. as spares? If so, keep six of those you are turning in.	123rd Ordnance	CG/15
1500	When painting names on vehicles, the first letter may be larger than the measurements prescribed in Memo #8 Hq's. 15th Tk. Bn.	Hq. O. 15th	All Co's. S-4 & S-5
1730	Unit commanders meeting at Division C.P. at Incca on 7 April at 0930 hrs.	Sgt. Hub- ertson A.G. Office "B"/15	Col. Gardiner CG/13
2000	IA. Oglesby of 1st plt "B"/15 closed in 2000 hrs.		S-3/15

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DATE: 4 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy, (Q-597841)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2030	Col. Detwiler will be here to see Col. Gardiner about 0930 tomorrow A.M.	Col. Detwiler	S-3/15
2110	Submit S-3 periodic reports directly to G-3 Division under CC"A" for training only.	S-3/00"A"	S-3/15
2200	March route requested for tomorrow approved with the following changes: The Company is to move out in two serials twenty minutes apart, the first serial to move at 1030 hrs. Return trip to be at 1430 hrs. Will call back tonight on the time of moves of 6 and 7 April.	G-3/1/AD	S-3/15
2225	"A" Co. C.O. to report to IV Corps G-3 at 1430 tomorrow. He will meet Major Madden there.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/15
2225	Clearance for vehicle movement on 5 April 1945 - 0630-1830. Move in 2 serials 20 minutes apart. 7 April 1945 0700 - 1700 in 1 serial. We have clearance for 0700 hrs and 1700 hrs.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/15th

DATE: 5 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597842)

1230	Did not draw 76mm training guns today. Will draw as soon as available at the dump. "B" Co. has 250 rds of M.M. for training in their area.	Lt. Converse	S-3/15 Serv/15
1415	Will draw all of training guns 76mm today from Pistoia dump. Disregard above entry.	" "	S-3/15
1425	Basic load for "B" Co. and "D" Co. requirements has been submitted to D.A.C. who will clear it thru G-3. Pick up probably tomorrow.	Capt. Oikmore	S-3/15
1545	Call vehicle status figures to CC"A" by 1500 hrs daily. Submit periodic report thru normal channels to Div. Hq.	S-3 CC"A"	S-3/15
1600	"B" Co. will leave for range on Friday at 0630 instead of 0700 due to clearance from traffic control.	S-3/15	"B"/15
1640	"D" Co. is drawing 5 M-24 tanks this afternoon. Tanks are expected to arrive in "D" Co. area this evening.	"D"/15	S-3/15
2000	Lt. Humphries would like to bring one tank back from the range ahead of the rest of the company tomorrow afternoon in order to work on it. I told him O.K. unless he heard otherwise.	"B"/15	09/15

DATE: 5 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

1000 Old G.P. 1/AD closed L-784098 at 060600B April 1945 and new G.P. opened at Q-113789 at 060600B April 1945.

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DATE: 6 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Via. S. Piero, Italy (O-597841)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1045	Deser crew will return from "Dogpatch" this afternoon. 2-3 crew will be back probably in a couple of days.	Maj. Palk 1/AD	S-3/15
1810	6 new M-24's drawn from 123rd Ordnance Bn. closed in area 1805B.	C. O. "D"/15	S-3/15
DATE: 7 April 1945			
PLACE: Via. S. Piero, Italy, (O-597841)			
1055	Capt. Clay left 91st Bn. this A.M. to return here.	G-3 Pnd.	S-3/15
1110	There has been a change. "B"/15 will move M-4's.	CG/15	S-3/15
1355	G-4 checked on air panels. Will draw same tomorrow.	S-4/15	S-3/15
1340	One truck will return from "Dogpatch" tonight, the other tomorrow night.	Major Palk	S-3/15
1400	Have Capt. Clay go to CO"B" as soon as he returns. Get from him an estimate on the number of tanks he can get into position and call the information to S-3/CO"B".	CG/15	S-3/15
1515	Capt. Clay returned at 1500 hrs. Has positions for six tanks. Capt. Clay is on his way to S-3 CO"B".	Capt. Clay	S-3/15
1517	S-3 CO"B" informed of the number of tanks positions for "G" Co.	S-3/15	S-3 CO"B"
1555	76mm tanks will start have basic load before turning in.	M. O. 13th	S-4/15
1745	Convoy number for movement of assault gun plit IV-M-127 starts night of April 9 and ending morning of the 10th. Leaves Prate at 2130 hrs. T.C.P. #01 2250B. Mts junction #64 and 6629 at 0045R. Mts. junction #66 and 6629 at 2345 hrs. T.C.P. #1 0110 hrs. Miela 0145R.	CG"A"	S-3/15
1800	No more 105mm from Div. We can obtain the 28 rds. of Violet smoke.	LQ/15	S-3/15
2025	Tank movement to Pistoia approved for 1000 hrs tomorrow - will use highway 6628 and return 1800 hrs. Convoy # SA - S - #2B. (Called to "B" Co.)	To S-3/15	From S-3 CO"A"
1100	"G" Co. 6 tanks will move on highway 6620 9th April leaving Prate at 1730. Reach Castiglione at 1945. Peep and truck permitted to accompany tanks. No serial number required. No scheduled route from Castiglione north.	LQ/15	S-3/15
1530	Reference Par. 2 e. letter Hq. 5th Army, dated 3 April 1945 subject "Excess Equipment, type C equipment and salvageable lumber, will be turned in at following locations: O-757772. (Mag sent to S-4).	G-4 1/AD	S-3/15

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DATE: 8 April 1945
 PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-897841)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1230	CC"B" C.P. closes Q-108783 at 080700B - opens L-648198 at 091200B.	CC"B"	8-3/15
1410	"B" Co. will furnish tank driver for Service Co. tanks for moves as specified in Movement Order except when "B" Co. moves. Service Co. will then supply drivers for Service Co. tanks when "B" moves.	8-3/15	"B" Co.
1800	F.O. #2 CC"B" received.	NOTE	
1900	Artillery fire plan received.	LQ/15	8-3/15
1945	Does the L.C. want to inspect our area when the move is complete or as it progresses? (Capt. Brown will inspect as the move progresses.)	Ex. C.	I.C.
2100	Col. News wants to know how much supplies you will need for your Bn (less two Co's) for a four day period. Count CC"A" on the tanks moving 10 miles per day over rough terrain, expending 1/4 of basic load per vehicle. How many H/Ts can you spare to haul these supplies? Infantry will supply balance of H/Ts.		8-3/15

DATE: 9 April 1945
 PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-897841)

1025	"A" Co. closed in assembly area via L-648198 at 0450. "D" Co. closed assembly area via L-607168 at 0545. All Merrill vehicles closed. Maj. McOutcheon has not arrived. Service Co. area is not available. Believe another area has been located. Capt. Werner arrived without incident. Area located for "C" Co. Lt. Hitchcock returned from reconnaissance. Will report results to CC"B" as soon as possible.	Capt.	8-3/15
1030	3 tank deser crews left Service Co. area at 0815 for Pistoia where they will be loaded on transporters for trip to assembly area.	CC	8-3/15
1145	"D" Co. will have to furnish only one man for tank deser at Engineers.	G-1 1/AD	8-1/15
1150	You will supply eleven (11) drivers to man the spare tanks at ordnance. They will report this afternoon.	G-1 1/AD	8-1/15
1314	"A" Co. arrived in vic L-648198 at 0450B. Attached to 81st Bn upon closing.	G-3 1/AD	8-3/15
1400	The six (6) tanks leaving tonight from "C"/15 will be at assembly area L-743218, pass this on to 8-3 and Executive Officer so they will know where to contact me.	CC "C"/15	8-3/15
1605	The six tanks leaving tonight from "C"/15 will be at assembly area L-743218.	8-3/15 G-3 1/AD	

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DATE: 9 April 1948 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1858	The 60 replacements attached to you are to be returned to replacement pool. Also, how many tanks will not be properly named as a result of returning replacements.	G-1 1/AD	Ex. Co. 18th
1910	We will have to abandon 9 mediums and 1 light tank if we lose the replacements.	Ex. Co. 18th	G-1 1/AD
2015	"C" moving out.	CO "C"/15	Ex. Co. 18th

DATE: 10 April 1948
PLACE: Vic. S. Piero, Italy (Q-597841)

1040 "C"/15 closed OSCOR at L-206164. Capt
Merrill S-3/15

DATE: 10 April (cont.)

2350 Upon completion of relief of 81st Cav Reg Cdn (-S Troop) by 6 Armd Inf. Bn. "A"/15 is attached 6 Armd Inf. Bn-effective 111800B - "A"/15 is detached 6 Armd Inf. Bn. and attached to CC"B". G-3
1/AD S-3/15

DATE: 11 April 1948
PLACE: Vic. SILLA, Italy (L-607164)

0880 "B"/15 closed in areas at 0615L. CO
"B"/15 S-3/15

1010 Fluorescent panels are with Co. supply Sgt's. 9 per Co. 8 to Service Co. Sgt's. have instructions not to release panels until further orders. Drew a total of 50. S-4/15 S-3/15

1045 11th Inf. C.P. will be at La Sera L-645205 approx. at 2200 hrs. Will move immediately upon closing to fwd. assembly area at L-645229. 11th
Inf. Bn. S-3/15

1204 Call a company commander and Staff meeting for 1300B today. LQ/15 S-3/15

1210 Same as above. S-3/15 "A", "D",
& "C" Co's.

1200 Clearance has been received for 5 tanks to commence moving at 1400 hrs today by the following route: 652195, 624195, 616214, 637231, 646230. Tanks will move by infiltration 1 hr. between tanks (Called CO "A" Co.-1225B). S-3
CO "B" S-3/15

0900 Hq & Hq. Co. closed L-607164 at 0345L. CO/Hq/15 S-3/15

0900 "B"/15 closed via L-609165 at 0615L. CO/"B"/15 S-3/15

0900 Serv/15 closed via L-607167 at 0240L. CO/Serv/15 S-3/15

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DATE: 11 April 1945 (cont.)
 PLACE: Vic. Silla, Italy (L-807164)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1800	Location of units 15th Tank Battalion vic. Silla:		
	C. P. / 15	L-807164	
	Hq. Co.	L-807164	
	"A" Co.	L-848199 (L-678226)	
	"B" Co.	L-808166	
	"C" Co.	L-808164	
	"D" Co.	L-807167	
	Serv. Co.	L-800154	

1830	Dissemination of General Clark's msg received 1530B	NOTE	
1845	Have six men relieve 6 men at "A"/81st Run at Biola bridge L-854198. Men will furnish guard on bridge and return when relieved tomorrow.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/15
1850	"D" Co. will furnish above detail - 5 men, 1 H.C.O.	S-3/15	"D"/15
1850	"A"/15 2 plts on Castelnuovo ridge. Will not go into firing positions until ordered.	S-3/CC"B"	S-3/15
1930	"D" day postponed 24 hrs.	G-3 1/AD	CG/15
2145	Lt. Hitchcock (S/plt "A" Co) reached his assembly area O.K. The L-3 has not arrived yet as it is helping on another job but should be in soon.	LQ/15	S-3/15
1400	Radio repair team #1 located Co "A" 123rd Ord. Maint Bn at L-894096.	YAD Signal Co.	S-3/15
1000	Div WP located L-850198 and L-710169 now open. Shower at L-841199 now open. Div PW Cage now located L-846198. 1/AD CC"B" PW Cage at L-856226.	CG 1/AD	S-3/15

DATE: 12 April 1945
 PLACE: Vic. Silla, Italy (L-807164)

0830	While in this area all personnel will participate in a one hour march up hill 832 (L-888190) daily.	EX. O. 13th	All Co's. 15th
1800	AF code #1489 has been compromised and will get substitute.	LQ/15	S-3/15

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DATE: 12 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. Silla, Italy (L-607184)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1800	"D" Co. guards at Biola will be relieved at 1400 hrs today.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/15
1800	Have transportation at Biola bridge to pick up guards who will be relieved at 1400 hrs today.	S-3/15	"D"/15
1806	CC"B" S-3 wants overlay showing dispositions of "A" Co and elements of "C" Co. at present time.	LQ/13	S-3/15
1835	Would like permission to send men to showers this afternoon. (Permission granted).	"D"/15	S-3/15
1805	"D" Co. guards at Biola will be relieved at 1600 hrs instead of 1400 hrs. 1st Tank Bn will affect relief.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/15
1808	Delay in 15 April. 2-hour for 10th Div. in 0800B - Infantry will be prepared to move from forward assembly area 0800B. All plans for night D-1 will be executed tonight. Acknowledge. 1300B.	S-3/CC"B"	CC/15
1810	Message 181300B received 181506B (reference above).	CC/15	S-3/CC"B"
1700	1st A.D. C.P. closes via LUCCA and opens at L-654198 at 100830B April 1945 (This msg dated 092130B).	G-3 1/AD	S-3/15
1720	An officer from 1st Tr Bn informed me that the relief of your people at the Biola bridge was completed at 1700B.	Capt. Wilson G-3 1/AD	S-3/15
1845	The attack has been postponed 24 hours.	LQ/13	S-3/15
1850	Above msg. to all companies.	Ex. Co. 15th	All Co's. 15th
1800	Pick up cigarette rations 13 April at Div. Special Service rear. Time immaterial.	Div. S.S. Officer	Lt. Brown 15th
2010	"C" Co. is not moving. All is O.K. They know the attack is postponed.	Lt. Cantley	Ex. Co.

DATE: 13 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. Silla, Italy (L-607184)

0930	Request liaison officer to report to this headquarters today.	Ex. Co.	S-3/15
0935	/Sgt. Findland from Hq. Co. will fill the liaison request.	S-3/15	Hq/15
0940	"C" Co. will not send messenger to CC"B" at 1400 hrs as instructed. Lt. Boucher will pick items for "A" and "C" Companies.	Capt. Mice CC"B"	S-3/15

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DATE: 13 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. Silla, Italy (L-607164)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0940	G-3 Division is not issuing an S.O.P. on use of panels.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
0945	Capt. Rice CC"B" has received no instructions on use of panels. Suggests they be used on forward elements when moving to mark front lines.	CC"B"	S-3/13
0950	Capt. Gilmore is issuing panels today on the basis of 5 per platoon.	S-4/13	S-3/13
0950	G-1 called S-1 today and informed him we are only receiving 12 replacements instead of 35.	S-1/13	S-3/13
0955	Col. Russell called Executive officer CC"A" and informed him we would not send a liaison to CC"A" and we would not check into CC"A" administrative net.	Ex. O.	S-3/13
1045	Unit commanders will be held responsible that all ammo at gun emplacements is picked up when guns displace.	C.G. 1/AD	S-3/13
1130	C.P. tent from Service Co. sent to Lt. Palmer.	Ex. O.	S-3/13
1430	Lt. Hassold reports arrangements were made today with the 6th AIB to afford protection for Lt. Hitchcock in his firing positions. Firing position on hill 558 and on nose slightly beyond hill 561.	CO "A"/13	S-3/13
1650	Service Co. has located a new bivouac area via L-620175.	CO Serv/13	S-3/13
1710	The new fluorescent yellow air panel will be used as an additional means of friendly air identification. It will not be displayed constantly, but only as it becomes necessary. Further instructions on the use of the other colors will be given as it is received.	S-3/13	All Co's. 13th
1800	The attack will take place tomorrow.	LQ/13	S-3/13
1815	Serv. Co. must vacate present area by 1100 hrs. of the 13th. We are authorized to reconimeter areas in present "A", "B" Company areas of 81st. Advise Div. what we need and we may be able to move whole Bn. there if the tactical situation permits.	G-3 1/AD	CO/13
1800	In view of recent changes in personnel and a new I would like to turn in two M3 tanks and reorganize my company as a 2 plt Co. with 8 tanks in each and 2 tanks in Company Hq.	CO "D"/13	Ex. O.
1805	O.K. to turn in two tanks. Lt. Boyd will contact you and make final arrangements for turn in.	Ex. O.	CO "D"/13 13th
2025	Go ahead with all plans to attack 14 April. There may be changes prior to H-Hour. Keep responsible officer available to telephone all night.	C.G. 1/AD	CO/13

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DATE: 15 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. Silla, Italy (L-807164)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2040	2nd plt "A" Co. closed into assembly positions 1960.	CO "A"/18	Ex. Co 13th
2045	Division command and CC "A" administrative net opens 140830Z.	Communi- cation Co. CC "A"	Communication Co./18
2200	CC "B" attack order received from Lt. Woods at 2200.	NOTE CC "B"	CG/18
2205	Above relayed to "A" Co. F.D.C. and 2/"C"/18.	CG/18	A Co. F.D.C. & 2/"C"/18
2330	Lt. Harper will take above message to Capt. Clay.	CG/18	Lt. Harper
2305	Can you contact the CO of 15th Tank Bn tanks?	11th Bde.	Ex. Co. 13th

DATE: 14 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. Silla, Italy (L-807164)

0105	I am at 11th Bde. Capt. Clay has not arrived.	Lt. Harper	Ex. Co. 13th
0300	I saw Capt. Clay. He has moved out.	Lt. Harper	Ex. Co. 13th
0500	Have you heard from "C" Co?	S-3 CC "B"	Ex. Co. 13th
0615	"C" Co. has moved into position. They closed at 0435 hrs.	Lt. Lineemann	Ex. Co. 13th

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DATE: 14 April 1948
 PLACE: Vis. Hills, Italy (L-607164)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0830	Friendly elements at L-655271 and L-649259.	CO/13	FDC/13
0840	Major Pulk is to report to Col. Johnson at 1/AD Trains tomorrow morning.	Capt. O'Hara G-1 1/AD	Ex. Co. 13th
0850	H-Hour is now 0915H. 14th AIB will be prepared to move out any time after 1015H. Acknowledge.	G.C. CC"B"	Ex. Co. 13th
0850	Reference above acknowledged.	Ex. Co. 13th via LO/13	S-3 CC"B"
0930	Over the next 3 to 4 days add to your ammo expenditure, enough to total 500 rds of 75 and 150 rds of 76mm. Don't do it all in one day. 4th Tank people will be over to pick it up from your train lead.	G-3 1/AD	Ex. Co. 13th
0930	Relayed above to S-4/13.	S-3/13	S-4/13
0945	Air attack begins 0930H. Arty. preparation begins 0910H. Infantry H-Hour is 0945H. This is firm. Acknowledge.	G.C. CC"B"	CO 6 AIB 11 AIB 14 AIB 13 Tank
0900	Graves registration point at L-694103.	GRQ/13	All CO's 13th
1030	Plan "Peasants" will be studied by all officers and will be discussed at company commanders meeting today. Company commanders and Staff will assemble at 1330H via. Bn C.P.	Ex. Co. 13th	"B", "C", & "D" Co's. 13th
1312	It is believed that enemy 3/p weapon is on a trail leading down to Casano.	FDC, Capt. Warner	CO/13
1315	CO/13 will call FDC a little later - having trouble with his equipment.	Ex. Co. 13th	FDC
1430	3rd plt of "A"/13 is detached from "A"/13 and attached 14th Inf. as of 1400 hrs. One plt of "C"/13 will replace 3rd plt "A"/13 immediately. Capt. Rice at CC"B" will have a telephone, photographs and other data. The plt leader can pick these up as he goes by. Lt. Erdman will be at CC"B" and will guide the platoon to its positions.	CC"B"	S-3/13
1435	One plt from "C"/13 will be prepared to move out at once. Send the plt leader here for instructions.	Ex. Co. 13th	CO/13
1500	Have the "C" Co. plt leader move out at once to see if he can reconnoiter his positions. He will use "A" Co. channel and 14th Inf. on his 300 set.	S-3/13	Ex. Co. 13th

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DATE: 14 April 1945
 PLACE: Vic. Hills, Italy (L-607164)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1808	Lt. Cantley will note out at once. Another officer will lead his platoon to CC "B".	Br. Co 19th	OO "C"/15
1809	Have a truckload of 75mm report to Lt. Cantley at "C"/15.	Br. Co.	8-4/15
1830	Have balance of "C"/15 to 640333 - they move less 7-2. Obtain clear thru 6-2.	8-2/15	Br. Co. 19th
1850	Above relayed to OO "C"/15 plus: your Co. moves less maintenance, supply and kitchen.	Br. Co.	OO/15
1855	Request clearance for five tanks at 1750Z. (Request granted)	Br. Co.	8-5 1/AD
1840	People over here want you to register on Savadola 1st. Brown 1st. Brown - L-603175 and an house 200 yds NE of Savadola on hillside.	1st. Brown 19th P. Co	FDQ/15
1946	1 plt "C"/15 moved out at 1745Z. Lt. Gaylord "B"/15 is leading the column.	"C"/15	Br. Co. 19th
1730	I am at CC "B". Nothing to report.	Lt. Adam Company	Br. Co. 19th
1910	I saw Capt. Hackett at 6-2. It is O.K. for me to infiltrate to new hideout tomorrow. I will start moving 000Z. The hideout is via. L-603178.	OO Surv/15	Br. Co. 19th
1815	Location of 3rd elements: L-603275, L-603276, L-640372.	FDQ/15	OO/15
2005	Remaining elements of 19th Bn are relieved from attachment to CC "A" and attached to CC "B" effective 2000Z.	Col. Maxwell	Br. Co. 19th
2045	"B" Co. will move out late tonight or the early hrs of the morning. Further instructions when I return to Br. (Above relayed to Lt. Gaylord).	OO/15	Br. Co. 19th
2045	Alert a tank deser in conjunction with above message. (Above relayed to "B"/15).	Capt. Merrill 8-2	Br. Co. 19th
2050	Message 2045: One plt will go ahead. Have the platoon leader and a man report to CC "B" at once. He will plan to meet his plt here. (Above relayed to Lt. Gaylord - Lt. Page 3rd plt will be the man).	8-2/15	Br. Co. 19th
2110	"B" Co. plus deser (less non-combat vehicles) will leave Br area approximately 0800Z and will pass this location (CC "B"). (Above relayed to "B" and "B"/15.)	Capt. Merrill	Br. Co. 19th

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DATE: 14 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Via, Milla, Italy (L-607164)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0158	Col. is trying to get clearance to move the platoon at 0800. Unless otherwise notified they will move at 0900. We are leaving here in about 10 minutes. The Col. wants Lt. Gaylord, Capt. Gilmore, Mj. Crittenden, Capt. Ballou, Lt. Hayer present when he returns. (Above relayed to people concerned).	Capt. Merrill	Br. Co. 3-3 18th
0240	"B" Co. convey number IT E-2-64, cross Lyons 0415B - Campobello 0415B, Destination 0445B.	3-3 OO"B"	3-3/15
DATE: 15 April 1945 PLACE: N Salvadoro, Italy (L-603245) & (L-607164)			
0010	Lt. Cantley is all set.	Lt. Comrose Srv/15	3-3/15
0400	"B" Co. will have 100 yds of 75 per tank when they leave the Manna. The tank will follow them as far as possible, then dump the same and the Inf. will bring it up. (Above relayed to "B" Co. and Service Co.).	Capt. Warner	Br. Co. 18th
0418	When your "B" Co. reaches N L-603245, turn left and go over the hill by Milla. A guide from the 11th Inf. will meet them at L-607235 and take them on to assembly area.	Br. Co. OO"B"	Br. Co. 18th
0450	Have the S.O. of "B" Co. come to our C.P. ahead of the tanks. We are located at L-603245.	Mj. Motter 11th Inf.	Br. Co. 18th
0500	"B"/15 attached to 14th Inf. at 150000Z.	3-3 OO"B"	OO/15
0530	New C.P. will be at L-603245 up new trail - should have taken Cantley ("C"/15). Near houses where you parked jeep.	3-3/15	3-3/15
0640	Unless personnel must be organized and trained to run spare tanks.	A&S, 1/AD	Br. Co. 18th
0655	Following locations of 123rd Ord. Co's. and Hvy. Ordnance Office, Hq. & Hvy. Co. 123rd Ordnance: C-51571. "A"/123rd: L-604000, "B"/123rd: L-607175, "C"/123rd: L-600145. Hvy. Ord. Office: L-600145.	3-4 1/AD	3-3 & 3-4/15
1130	Tank stuck on road at L-603245. May or may not be over. Gen. Daniels wants 3-3 down there to see what can be done about pulling it out. It is blocking traffic.	3-3 OO"B"	3-3/15
1800	11th Inf. is trying to contact "B"/15 to see if their 3-3 can pull it out.	3-3/15 3-3 OO"B"	3-3 OO"B"

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DATE: 15 April 1945 (cont.)
 PLACE: M Babodara, Italy (L-623244)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGES</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1800	G.P.s at L-607184 closed 1800Z, opened new G.P.s at L-623245 at 1800Z. Distances traveled to new G.P.s - 12.8 miles.	ROME	
1815	Shows msg to CO "B".	8-3/15	8-5 CO "B"
1830	Service Co. closed at 1800Z.	CO SERV/15	CO/15
1830	All tanks of "B"/15 except 3 have passed obstacles. These 3 are stuck. (Passed to CO "B" - 1 "B"/15 and 2 Villet Tr M).	8-3/15th Inf.	8-3/15
1800	1/4 "A" moving out.	10/15	8-3/15
1815	1/4 "C" closed L-623244 at 1800Z.	8-3/15	CO "B"
1720	1/4 "A" reports that they are being held up by S/A and M.G. fire. They are having difficulty locating the enemy positions and are firing at all suspected locations. Friendly elements are now on outskirts of Scauso.	FDG/15	F.O./15 W/15th Inf.
1740	1/4 "A" ordered to get into Scauso and clean it up - by Csm. Daniels. Inf. to follow as soon as it can.	General Daniels	FDG 8-3/15
1748	Lt. Kay and Lt. Jones have fired approximately 450 rds today. Lt. Thompson about 75 rds.	FDG/15	8-3/15
1820	1/4 "B" detached 11th Inf. and attached 14th Inf. as at 1800Z by Csm. Daniels.	8-3/15th	8-3/15
1825	Location of "B"/15 units: 1/2 "B" at L-672276. The rest of "B" with the exception of 1/4 "B" at L-623244.	"B"/15	8-3/15
1845	"A"/3rd plt is in Scauso.	Maj. Wittensam	8-3/15th
2000	1/4 "B" detached 14th Inf. and attached 11th Inf. at 2000Z.	8-3/08 "B"	8-3/15
2005	You are to go immediately to the G.P.s of the 14th AIX where you will be tank adviser to Lt. Col. Phillips (of 14th AIX) for the operation.	Lt. Col. Wilder CO "B"	8-3/15
2015	1/4 "A"/15 is in Scauso (L-623245). Lt. Hitchcock has 2 sections there, one on each side of town. There is no more resistance. The infantry is there with him and have things cleaned up. At the present time they are sitting still.	10/15	8-3/15
2000	Effective at once, 8-5 Periodic Reports will cover period 2100Z to 2100Z. Reports to be in to this Hq. by 2100Z. Reports of tank status, fighting strength, morale and combat efficiency are to be into 8-3/08 "B" by 2100Z daily. The latter Reports transmitted by any available means.	8-5 CO "B"	8-3/15

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DATE: 15 April 1945
PLACE: Via. M Belvedere, Italy (L-683245)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2125	Attack on Mt. Fero will continue tonight until the objective is taken. It is not contemplated that the tanks will be used tonight. They probably will not move very far if at all from their present positions. No definite information on plan for tanks is available yet.	Ex. C. OO "B"	2-3/15
2220	Proceed. We will furnish guides to show them where to go. (This msg was phoned from OO "B". Msg. came via radio thru relay.)	CO 14th AIB	OO/15
2350	Maj. Reoney, 51st Bn. called and said that the Chief Maj. of Staff told him that when OO "B" gains 1st objective, the 8 tanks on the A1 side of the river come under control of 51st. Wants to talk to Capt. Clay as quickly as possible to arrange communications, etc.		2-3/15
<p>DATE: 16 April 1945 PLACE: Via. M Belvedere, Italy (L-683245)</p>			
0606	Relayed above to Capt. Clay with instructions to call Maj. Reoney.	2-3/15	"O"/15
0630	2/"C" all set - have been working on it all night.	OO "C"/15	2-3/15
0730	I am at position where my driver called from. Devine's vehicle is short distance beyond and is out of action. Requires a tow. "B"/15 is moving now. I intend to have breakfast and return to you. Telephone is out from this point. 2-3 has no activity as his targets have gone. We may require new dispositions.	OO/15	Ex. C. 15th
0830	2/"O" and company commander's tank detached OO "B" and attached 51st Bn effective 0830Z today.	G.C. OO "B"	2-3/15
1130	2/"C"/15 closed via L-687245 at 1115Z.	"C"/15	2-3/15
1200	Add the following routes to overlay to accompany plan "Peacocks", Hq. OO "A" dated 10 April 1945. Route A1A runs down Reno river bottom paralleling entire length of route A1. Route A1A runs down Reno river bottom paralleling entire length of route A1.	2-3 OO "A"	2-3/15
1210	Closing 15th F.D.C. at Manaus via L-676237 at 1200Z. Maj. Moving to assembly area via L-676114. Expect to close Crittenden there at 1200Z.	Maj.	2-3/15
1235	Col. Chevis (Brazilian LG) is bringing a Brazilian captain down to your headquarters in about an hour.	Col. Russell	Ex. C. 15th

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DATE: 18 April 1948
PLACE: Via. M Belvedere, Italy (L-688345)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2120	Attack on Mt. Pere will continue tonight until the objective is taken. It is not contemplated that the tanks will be used tonight. They probably will not move very far if at all from their present positions. No definite information on plan for tanks is available yet.	Br. C. CO "B"	2-3/15
2220	Proceed. We will furnish guides to show them where to go. (This msg was phoned from CO "B". Msg. came via radio thru relay.)	CO 14th AIB	CO/15
2320	Maj. Reamy, 81st Bn, called and said that the Chief Maj. of Staff told him that when CO "B" gains 1st objective, the 8 tanks on the S side of the river come under control of 81st. Wants to talk to Capt. Clay as quickly as possible to arrange communications, etc.		2-3/15
DATE: 18 April 1948 PLACE: Via. M Belvedere, Italy (L-688345)			
0906	Relayed above to Capt. Clay with instructions to call Maj. Reamy.	2-3/15	"O"/15
0630	2/"C" all set - have been working on it all night.	CO "O"/15	2-3/15
0730	I am at position where my driver called from. Divine's vehicle is short distance beyond and is out of action. Requires a tow. "B"/15 is moving now. I intend to have breakfast and return to you. Telephone is out from this point. 2-3 has no activity as his targets have gone. We may require new dispositions.	CO/15	Br. C. 15th
0830	2/"O" and company commander's tank detached CO "B" and attached 81st Bn effective 0903 today.	C.G. CO "B"	2-3/15
1130	2/"C"/15 closed via L-687345 at 1115Z.	"O"/15	2-3/15
1300	Add the following routes to overlay to accompany plan "Pacants", Hq. CO "A" dated 10 April 1948. Route AIA runs down same river bottom paralleling entire length of route AI. Route AIIA runs down same river bottom paralleling entire length of route AI.	2-3 CO "A"	2-3/15
1310	Closing 15th P.D.C. at Samsui via L-678227 at 1300Z. Moving to assembly area via L-671314. Report to close Crittenton there at 1300Z.	Maj.	2-3/15
1338	Cel. Chevis (Brazilian LC) is bringing a Brazilian captain down to your headquarters in about an hour.	Cel. Russell	Br. C. 15th

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DATE: 16 April 1945 (cont.)
 PLACE: Vic, N Bolvedere, Italy (L-688245)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1400	14th AID called and want to know who will supply the 78mm plq that is with them.	2-4/15	Br. Co. 15th
1402	What elements of our unit do you have with you now?	Br. Co. 15th	14th AID
1405	Find out where your informant got his information.	2-4/15	Br. Co. 15th
1520	Your jump-off point is secure. If possible take elements of 15th Ft Bn with you.	C. Co. CO "B"	CO/11 AID
1605	As far as I know, our tanks are still at the blow.	LQ/15	2-3/15
1720	Near G.P. and elements of "A" Co. and other units near below Castelnuovo ridge near Highway 64 are moving to a new area south of Vergate.	Maj. Crittenden	CO/15
1800	Effective 1000H 16 April, road from point L-637282 to L-688244 is open for south-bound traffic only. Road from point at L-688245 to point at L-688246, thence west to L-642282, thence to Casigno (L-647200) is open for north-bound traffic only.	G-4 1/AD	2-3/15
1915	The following road net is now open: Vergate, Couraglia, Salsano and stream crossing at L-688246.	2-3/CO "B"	2-3/15
2025	Same as above.	2-3/15	All Co's. 15th

Movements 15th Tank Bn.

	From	At	To	Closed
(-3pl) 14/15	L-607164	17453	L-684244	18203
(-3pl) 14/15	L-673228	17153	L-688245	17203
14/15	L-682344	18453	L-684244	19053
14/15	L-607167	18223	L-688246	19453
20/15	L-619176	18153	L-688246	19453

2000	Water Point at Africa L-691267.	2-4/15	CO/15
2005	Highway 64 open to L-710277.	2-3/CO "B"	2-3/15
2125	Half forward movement of assault troops at dark. Continue advance at 0630H 17 April 1945. 81st Bn. will maintain contact with enemy tonight.	2-3/CO "B"	2-3/15

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 PLACE: Vic, Vergate, Italy (L-684244)

0632	This C.P. closed L-688245 at 0630H, opened at L-684-244 at 0740H.	2-3/15	2-3/CO "B"
0615	Water Point at Africa L-168115.	1/15	2-3/15
1000	Col. House called and was given location of fwd. elements. He would like us to inform him if we locate a tank route from Mt. Mason to Veduggiate.	Col. House	2-3/15

DATE: 17 April 1948 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. Vergate, Italy (L-894344)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1015	C.P. of CC"B" will move to Melinello L-707277.	LQ/15	S-3/15
1010	Col. Gardiner called from "C"/AIX Reg C.P. and stated Gen. Fritchard was seen by an M.P. at a crossroad and was seen going back toward Vergate. A "B" Co. tank is in Cervignia and needs maintenance. Crew has not seen Humphries or T-3 since yesterday afternoon. Two men from "B"/15 were run over by a backing truck last night. Men were evacuated. Col. is going forward to 11th AIX.	00/15	S-3/15
1000	Div. P.W. Cags at L-846198 is closed. Div. P.W. Cags opened at L-897257. Co. "B" 47th Medics now at L-883222.	S-4/00"B"	S-3/15
1005	All excess baggage will be turned in to the Supply Sgt. by 1800B tonight for storage. It has been noted that there is far too much equipment being carried by individuals. This is the last chance to strip down.	15th	15th
1020	An extra expenditure report will be called into the S-3 section by 1800B daily.	S-4/15	All Co's. 15th

DATE: 17 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. Vergate, Italy (L-694444)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1120	As of 0900Z tanks of "B"/15 and "A"/15 were reported via L-692806 attempting to go to Mt. Mason. One platoon of "B" Co. is now with 6 AIB (platoon unknown). G-3 reports last objective will be at L-796375.	LQ/15	S-3/15
1144	"C"/15 via L-756290. Duster rather quiet.	S-3 21st Bn. Sqdn.	S-3/15
1410	I have the following information: "B"/15 is at L-692307 moving toward Hill 806 at L-748307 and meeting no opposition. They have an M-4 in front of them.	Lt. Converse Serv/15	Ex. C. 15th
1430	Assemble "B"/15 and 5/"A"/15 via Casa De Bella at L-692308. They will comb further areas and bring them back here. They are detached from Inf. and revert to Bn control. 1600Z above came into effect.	G.C. CC"B"	Ex. C. 15th
1451	"D"/15 Doser is broken down at L-692308. They need a welder. Lt. Boyd is going out.	Lt. Converse Serv/15	Ex. C. 15th
1452	"B"/15 is at L-694510.	Maj. Critt- enden at CC/B	Ex. C. 15th
1460	Assemble via L-692309. You revert to Bn control.	Ex. C./15	CG/"B"/15
1460 1515	G-3 states no relief for Thompson (2nd Plt) is necessary - he is coming out tonight.	CG/"C"/15	Ex. C. 15th
1550	I have sent Lt. Humphries to join Gaylard.	CG/15 at 11 Inf. CP	Ex. C. 15th
1530	I have sent Lt. Brown to Gaylarde assembly point to help Gaylard and determine what is needed.	Ex. C./15	CG/15
1535	O.K. but have Lt. Converse start out now with gas etc. Don't let him go beyond point 723 - the road is blocked and Gaylard may have trouble getting back.	CG/15	Ex. C. 15th
1540	Have Lt. Converse load a gas truck, kitchen truck and anything else Gaylard may need.	Ex. C./15	CG/Serv/15
1542	A representative of 178th Medical Regt. (Royal Arty) wants part of our area. He is on his way to see Capt. Beekert.	Ex. C./15	Capt. Wilson G-3
1600	"B"/15 tank has returned from Maintenance Bn. Request instruction on what to do with it.	Lt. Converse Serv/15	S-3/15
1650	Instructed to hold it at Bn. Maintenance for further instruction.	S-3/15	Lt. Converse Serv/15

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PLACE: Vic. Vergate, Italy (L-694244)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1825	PW collecting point now at L-658285. PW Cage at L-708277. This C.P. now at L-708277.	CC"B"	All Units 15th
2035	"B"/15 needs 80 gal. gas per tank, 80 gals. of oil, 31 rds. H.R. M48, 1000 rds cal. 150. S/"A"/15 needs 75 gal. gas per tank - no ammo.	Lt. Brown	S-3/15
2055	14th Inf. Bn has 3 to 4 hundred rds of 76mm ammo in Assago that we should contact them on.	Lt. Brown	S-3/15
2105	Relief of Div. will take place tonight as planned. The Div. move will not effect us tonight but possibly tomorrow. Up to the present time it has not definitely been decided.	LQ/15	S-3/15

~~2515~~ ~~S/"A"/15 located at L-677899. Will move back when relieved and gas up about 3/4 miles behind that position, get some sleep, and return to this area around 0800H or 0900H tomorrow. Gasoline and rations have been left for them. One tank coming back will go to Ordnance. Others need maintenance badly. Time of relief unknown.~~

~~CC/15/15 S-3/15~~

2330	Division G.I. #7 received. (G.I. #7, 171600B).		S-3/15
2335	All our tanks are back under 15th control. The plan and overlay of successive jumps I brought down this afternoon are completely out. This is not official, but S-3 CC"B" said we will move in morning. Location not known yet and we will form a column similar to CC"A"'s Flying Column, but it will consist of more elements than CC"A".	LQ/15	S-3/15

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PLACE: Vic. Telo, Italy (L-675515)

0840	As of 0900H Task Force Dixon consisting of B,D,&E Tys. S1st Bn are attached to this Bn.	S-3/CC"B"	S-3/15
0905	2 plt "O"/15 closed L-694245 at 0900H(2 tanks closed in area, 3 out due to mechanical failure.)	CC/"O"/15	S-3/15
0915	You will move sometime today, probably this afternoon. One troop of Task Force Dixon is dismounted. They will have to get their vehicles up quickly as they may expected to follow you.	S-3 CC"B"	S-3/15
0920	Capt. Dixon is here - he has sent for his vehicles. They are at Riola. He is on his way to see you.	Bn. O/15	S-3/CC"B"
0950	Relay following: "Held closer in area until further orders." (Relayed to "B"/15)	S-3/15	S-3/15

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DATE: 18 April 1948 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. Tels, Italy (L-673313)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1045	Lt. Boyd is sending a messenger to "B"/13-instruction to hold Deser in their area.	Serv/13	S-3/13
1045	The balance of the Bn is expecting to move to your vicinity sometime this afternoon or evening. The deser with you and 3/"A"/13 are to remain there. Do not send any vehicles back here. Try to hold sufficient area for Bn in your vicinity.	S-3/13	CO/"B"/13
1050	3/"C"/13 detached 51st Bn and reverted to Bn control at 0500B and moved from L-755291 at same time.	CO/"C"/13	S-3/13
1115	Approximately 400 rds 75mm ammo on ground at old 2/"A"/13 firing positions via Casigna. 3rd will take care of it.	S-4/13	S-3/13
1230	The 15th will move on Tels commencing at 1600B in five march serials at 12 minute intervals. We follow 10th Engineers which clear Vergate at 1600B which is our L.P. Send billeting party to L-655239.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
1240	We are to follow your column. What is your last vehicle and when will it clear your area.	Ex. Co. 19th	S-3/13 & 10th Engrs.
1250	Re: Above: Hqs. Co. will be last, Bn Maint. section will be at the tail. A ton ton wrecker will be last.	S-3/13 & 16/Engrs.	Ex. Co. 19th
1320	Ex. Co. CO"B" dealt direct with the 51st Bn people attached to you. The following troops will move from vic L-700286: C/51st leaves 1445B, D/51st leaves 1500B, E/51st leaves 1545B. The elements will close via Tels (L-654308). Col. Wilder gave this info direct to Capt. Dixon, 51st Bn.	S-3 CO"B"	S-3/13
1300	Bn moves from present area via L-693244 to vic Tels, L-655308 commencing at 1645B, Route Vergate, Coriglio, thence NW via Tels. Convoy # IV-N-154.	S-3/13	All Co's.

March Schedule:

1st Serial Hq & Hq Co	1645B
2nd Serial "A" Co.	1657B
3rd Serial "C" Co.	1709B
4th Serial "D" Co.	1721B
5th Serial Serv Co.	1733B

Tanks with Service Co. will march with "A" Co.
Kitchen trucks will move by infiltration to vic "B" Co.
commencing at 1600B. 1st Sgt. "B" Co. will lead trucks to
position. Billeting for Bn is being handled by CO/Hq Co.
Guides posted en route.

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DATE: 18 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. Tole, Italy (L-673513)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1415	G-3 desires that S-3/13 call them just before we move.		
1645	Closed C.P. at L-694244 at 181645Z.	S-3/13	G-3 1/D
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PLACE: Vic. Tole, Italy (L-673513)			
0415	Opened new C.P. at 190415Z. At L-673513.	S-3/13	G-3 1/AD
0730	Co. moved from area via L-686345 181645Z April. Closed new area via L-686513 190640Z. One tank and T-2 not closed at this time. ("A" Co).	S-3/13	G-3 1AD
0735	"C"/13 closed in this area (Tole) at 0730Z less maintenance activities.	CO "C"/13	S-3/13
0710	Spare code sign #8 will be used by the Div. commander on radio.	CO/ 1/AD	CO/13
0800	Bn closed assembly area via L-673513 at 0800Z.	S-3/13	G-3 1/AD
0850	Serv/13 closed 0854Z via. L-671316.	CO Serv/13	S-3/13
0900	"B"/13 closed via L-686514 at 0900Z. Moved from L-680302 at 0830Z.	CO "B"/13	S-3/13
0900	S/"A"/13 moved from L-680302 at 0830. Closed via L-686513 at 0900Z.	"A"/13	S-3/13
1050	Location of "C" 47th Medics L-673513.	47th Med	S-3/13
1000	Water point located at L-682344 now open.	G-4 1/AD	S-3/13
1055	Effective immediately all vehicles which normally operate within 1000 yds. of the front will display the panel A/L 140 (red side) or the panel A/L 141 (yellow side) which comprise panel kit AP 50. Panel will be secured near the rear of vehicle.	Bn Comm-ications G.	All Co's. 13th
1300	"D"/13 closed at L-686514 at 0730Z. All vehicles closed with column.	CO "D"/13	S-3/13
1305	Unit commanders and staff meeting at this OP 1300Z.	Hq. G.	CO's and Commands
1420	"B"/13 closed via L-686514 at 1400Z.	"B"/13	S-3/13
1460	"C"/13 O.P. at L-686515.	"C"/13	S-3/13
1615	Urgent. Effective at once units will report to this Hq prior to 1700Z disposition and situation of all elements as of 1600Z.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13

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DATE: 19 April 1945 (cont.)
 PLACE: Via. Tels, Italy (871320)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1830	Disposition of elements: C.P. at L-673315 Hq. Co. at L-673315 "A" Co. at L-668315 "B" Co. at L-668314 "C" Co. at L-673322 "D" Co. at L-668315 Serv Co. at L-671316 All elements MTR.	3-3/15	G-3 1/AD
1835	You are alerted for an immediate move. Have your CO report to this C.P. at once.	G-3 1/AD	3-3/15
1835	Above alert sent to all Co's with CO's to report at 1730h.	3-3/15	All Co's
1845	Water point at L-668344 now open.	G-3 1/AD	3-3/15
1740	Spare code sign NR 8 will be used by asst. Div. commander on all radio msgs.	Hq. Co. 1/AD	CO/15
1800	Your Bn is now on a half hour alert.	G-3 1/AD	CO/15
1805	Bn now on half hour alert. It does not change our plan for bedding down tonight. However Co's should be ready to roll 30 minutes after receipt of order.	CO/15	All Co's.
1810	Company commanders report to C.P. and alert your companies to move.	CO/15	All Co's.
2000	C.P. and Hq. Co. moved from L-673315 at 2130h and closed L-671320.		3-3/15
2000	"A"/15 moved from L-668315 at 2145h and closed L-670315 at 2215h.	"A"/15	3-3/15
2000	"D"/15 moved from L-667314 at 2145h. Closed L-668315 at 2215h.	"D"/15	3-3/15
2040	Above info sent to G-3 1/AD at 2040h.	3-3/15	G-3 1/AD
2045	Div. QM and Clothing 3 Dp located L-668327 opens 1900h 19 April.	CO 1/AD	3-3/15
2045	Army clothing 5 Dp. G-4-35 at L-682235. CMA opens 0600h 20 April. Div. ADP at L-682236. CMA opens 0600h. Div. PW at L-682297 closed. Now open at L-671322.	CO 1/AD	3-3/15
2251	Water point at L-682244 now open.	CG 1/AD	3-3/15
2320	Half hour alert status changed to one hour alert.	G-3 1/AD	3-3/15
2440	E Co. of 123rd Ord. located L-667315 now open. G.R. collecting point at Careglio L-664333 now open. Water point at L-672315 opens 2400h 19 April.	1/AD	3-3/15

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DATE: 20 April 1945
PLACE: Via. Sappalino, Italy (L-700428)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0200	Two P.O.'s 69th P.A. arrived for coming operations.	69th	2-3/15
0200	CC "A" and CC "B" continue present mission on 20 April '45.	G-3 1/AD	2-3/15
0725	Vehicle losses: Med Tk M-445 70mm (1), Radio set, 522. Total loss: 1 Light Tk M44, six Med. Tks M-4. Location and types of radios not reported. This report includes 191600R.	CG 50 "A" CG	Intercept 1/AD
0745	Water point located at L-672318 . G.R.S. L-671523.	3-3/15	All Co's.
1010	Have one pl 9-2 stand by for further orders .	1/AD	2-3/15
1012	Above msg.	2-3/15	Serv/15
1120	Inf. S.O.L. item 2-N-65 1st A.D. Point H.H. Npt. H.H. have been supervised and all units and separate organizations from Sig. Officer 1/AD and will not be used.	1/AD	2-3/15
1120	Col. Gardiner will assume command of a Task Force comprising 6th Inf., 69th P.A. Bn., Unit of Engineers and 12th Tr Bn.	G-3 1/AD	CG/15
1206	Your task force will not be organized. Change of plan.	G-3 1/AD	CG/15
1245	The 12th is attached to CC "A" effective at once. Check into CC "A" command net. CG and billeting party to report to Col. House at L-700427 at once. Hit L.P. at 1445R, keep tanks closed up as Bn is allowed only 35 minutes road space. 69th AFA P.O. tanks go with us. 6th Inf. hits L.P. at 1245R. L.P. is L-671322.	G-3 1/AD	CG/15
1200	T-2 from Serv/15 to move out at once to L-693341 and report to Provisional Assault Co. on North side of road. (Above given to Serv/15)	G-4 1/AD	2-3/15
1320	Order to All Companies: Bn moves to via L-700427 at 1445R. Hit L.P. at L-671523 at 1445R. Route: I.P., road NW to Prospero L-665346 then SW thru Serra, Menaistre to RJ L-663350 thence NE to via L-700427. Order of March:	2-3/15	All Co's.
	Hq & Hq Co. 1445B "A" Co. 1455B "B" Co. 1205B "C" Co. 1205B "D" Co. 1230B		
	P.O. tanks march with Hq. Co. Hq. Co. moves from present area at 1440B. Bn. will remain closed up on march due to 35 minute road space. CG's report into Bn net at 1400R. Serv/15 will remain in present area. Kitchen trucks remain with Serv/15.		
1340	The march will not be so long as we thought - so don't put any gas trucks in the column. The Germans are interdicting a few rds. on Prospero. We are now on the road leading SW from Prospero L-665346.	CG/15	2-3/15

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DATE: 20 April 1945 (cont.)
 PLACE: Vic. Zappalino, Italy (700422)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1540	Send T-8 instead of T-2 to Provisional Assault Co.	8-3/15	8-3/15
1608	You will receive one M-24 light tank to replace the one G-4/1AD M-8 you have. It will be brought up to you probably tomorrow.		8-3/15
1654	Closed C.P. At L-671830 at 1435Z.	8-3/15	8-3 1/AD
1658	I am sending 2 vehicles to meet head of your column to bring unit commanders forward.	00/15	8-3/15
1658	Company Commanders report to head of column at once. (This msg received and transmitted while moving.)	8-3/15	To CO's
1700	Friends on right were at L-745515 at 1100Z.	1st Tk Bn Intercept	CG/CO "A"
1830	Fed. elements at L-688434. Heavy box mines on road vic. L-707431.	51st Bn. Intercept	CG/CO "A"
1800	C.P. now at L-683410.	51st Bn. Intercept	CG "A"
1848	Friendly elements now at L-716445 - L-722479 - L-736456.	Ex. Co. 15th	All Co's.
1900	Urgent - Hit fire on L-687445 - L-688455. Our people believe there will be counter-attack. Receiving S/A fire.	1/51st Bn Intercept	CG/CO "A"
1950	C.P. located at L-700422.	8-3/15	8-3/CO "A"
	C.P. 15th closed vic L-700422. (Zappalino) at 1630Z. Distance traveled 8.9 miles. "A"/15 closed vic L-688412 at 1645 Z. "B"/15 closed vic L-688412 at 1700Z. "C"/15 closed same vic at 1730Z. "D"/15 closed same vic. 1740Z. "E"/15 closed same vic 1845Z.	8-3/15	
1900	The Bn moved out in attack from vic (Zappalino) L-708428 at 1900Z. Mission: To advance along general axis Anagnina river to 50 Northing. Bn formation: "B"/15 on left, "C"/15 in center, "D"/15 on right, "A"/15 in reserve. 3/2/101st T.D. attached to "D"/15. 2/3/101st T.D. attached to "B"/15. attachment as of 1700Z. 9 squads of 16th AEB as of 1700Z.	8-3/15	
2000	"B"/15 and "D"/15 are supporting me a little too close with fire.	CG "C"/15	8-3/15
2008	You are supporting "B" and "D"/15 too close.	8-3/15	"D"/15 "B"/15
	"D"/15 now at L-713448.	CG "D"/15	8-3/15
	"C"/15 had 3 M-4's knocked out by fire from L-688455.	CG "C"/15	8-3/15
	I want me to go straight ahead!	CG "D"/15	8-3/15

DATE: 20 April 1948 (cont.)
PLACE: Via, Zappalino, Italy (L-700428)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2102	Let me have your location. Capt. Lieberstein is on his way.	2-3/15	"D"/15
2105	We are 400 yds East of L-709448. Situation looks all right. Have not drawn much fire.	"D"/15	2-3/15
2109	You are to continue. Lieberstein is on his way.	2-3/15	"D"/15
2110	I heard that call from "D"/15. I am on my way down now to see other party. (G/15)	CG/15	2-3/15
2110	Received M.G. fire. My forward elements are about 200 yds directly West of L-709448.	"B"/15	2-3/15
2115	"C"/15 had enemy S.P. to the right. Capt. Clay took off about 25 yds on right of the river. Fired a few rds. He does not know whether or not 2/"C"/15 lost one and 1/"C"/15 lost two.	Ex. G. 15th	2-3/15
2140	We are awaiting orders.	"D"/15	2-3/15
2142	Col. Gardiner is checking on that now. Wait.	2-3/15	"D"/15
2125	What is your location and situation?	2-3/15	"A"/15
2127	I am in same positions within 200 yds south of L-708435. Friends with me are about ready to move out.	"A"/15	2-3/15
2015	"C"/15 is at L-704468. Light S/A opposition.	"C"/15	2-3/15
2200	"C"/15 is at L-704468 moving forward.	2-3/15	2-3 CG"A"
2150	"B"/15 is at L-899461.	"B"/15	2-3 CG"A"
2200	"A"/15 via L-709441.	"A"/15	2-3/15
2215	Serv/15 closed via L-899415 at 2140E.	CG Serv/15	2-3/15
2220	In position via L-701454.	"B"/15	2-3/15
2200	Serv/15 closed in area L-899415 at 2140E.	2-3/15	2-3 CG"A"
2250	4 tanks inoperative (maintenance). Send two sets of spark-plugs. Can we have infantry for protection of the 4 tanks?	"B"/15	2-3/15
2250	Tanks will have to protect themselves.	2-3/15	"B"/15

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DATE: 21 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. PIGNAZZO, Italy (L-696538)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0800	Have two columns simultaneously and at once. One column to final objective. One column via ford North of C to town 10 kilometers NW. Reach objectives by first light.	CG/13	CG CC"A"
0845	C.P. closed L-696538 at 0230R.		
0815	Col. House informs me that you are to proceed to the Po River at once. You are to march 15 MPH.	3-3/13	CG/13
0825	The people that are here with the some vehicles we have are being kept busy. We just can't do any such march at this time. My mission is to go to the Po river by the best possible route at 15 MPH.	CG/13	3-3/13
0805	Can you come back to see me without disturbing things too much?	Col. House	CG/13
0805	Will be down in a few minutes.	CG/13	CG CC"A"
0815	Fwd elements at L-685505. Heavy bridge holding up progress. Expect to complete by-pass shortly.	3-3/13	CG"A"
0820	C.P. opened L-723407 at 0815R.	3-3/13	CG"A"
0824	Correction on msg 0815R; Fwd elements at L-685505.	3-3/13	CG"A"
0835	Loading elements at L-695528. Have encountered some enemy infantry which is being taken care of.	"B"/13	3-3/13
0905	Have Capt. Warner bring up things he dropped last night and installations and move to where I am now by same route.	From 3-3/13 via Capt. Merrill	
0907	Being held up by enemy infantry and are trying to take care of them.	"C"/13	3-3/13
0910	We are receiving some mortar fire.	CG/13	3-3/13
0930	We are moving up in a few minutes.	3-3/13	CG/13
0940	Ben reports 7 German tanks at L-697505.	Sgt F.A. Intercept	
0945	We have been waiting for further instructions.	"C"/13	3-3/13
0950	I have "C"/13 with Infantry. Our Ben party has not returned as yet and "C"/13 is waiting for instructions. Do you have anything for him to do up there.	3-3/13	CG/13
0955	Have "C"/13 come up same route and set up in area where we are now. He will arrange for guide for him. Our departure is delayed by another unit being held up. I would like to see you, but it is not essential.	CG/13	3-3/13
1010	That officer you sent out to reconnoiter - I have seen him. South of highway is bridge. That vic is O.K. and vic South House is O.K. There has been enemy tanks reported via L-685505.		3-3/13

DATE: 21 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Via. Plunasse, Italy (L-696338)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1030	On other side of dike there is a S.P. in the village. There are friends on the dike.	2/"B"/15	"B"/15
1025	Are you progressing beyond obstacle? Can you give me location of crossing? (2 crossings L-696334 L-723349)	3-3/15	Ex. C. 15th
1100	We are moving from area we reached this morning. Receiving some medium artillery on this position.	"A"/15	3-3/15
1115	2 locations I gave you are in good shape and passable.	3-3/15	Ex. C. 15th
1130	We are in a traffic snarl. We have not been able to make any progress. We are caught in tail of convoy, 2 miles West of where we were this morning.	CO/15	3-3/15
1150	Change in mission has just been given me. Have Col. Gardner inspect Ron at dusk. see how far he can go before having to fight.	Col.	3-3/15
1155	Are you on road that you turn left on from point you approached from South? (I am good deal further). Will you stop the column? There has been a change in mission. You will go straight up road you were originally on. I am 1 1/2 miles South of where you were this morning.	3-3/15	CO/15
1220	Receiving S/A fire, SP and number of bazooka fire. They can't get shots at us nor can we get fire at them. Would like more infantry.	Ex. C.	3-3/15 15th
1230	Need medics - location 3/4 mile West from where we were this morning.	"A"/15	3-3/15
1250	Effecting disengaging movement and will cross as soon as possible.	Ex. C.	3-3/15
1330	Alert "O" Co. to move as soon as possible by the most direct route possible. To join Ex. C./15.	CO/15	3-3/15
1320	Friends on left of Ex. C./15 are at L-645506. Notify parties concerned.	CO"A"	3-3/15
1430	We have fwd elements of infantry across and others are trying to get across, but are still getting S/A fire.	"B"/15	3-3/15
1445	I am now back in area which I left this morning at L-751557.	CO "A"/15	3-3/15
1600	Alert all of the elements that you have with you there. Maj. Woods will be up shortly to give you instructions. That alert is for immediate movement.	3-3/15	"B"/15
1600	Maj. Elliott reports that obstacle that has been holding them up has been crossed.	3-3/15	CO"A"

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DATE: 21 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. Piuosasse, Italy (L-606836)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1610	2 S.P.'s in 6853 square firing into Crepellano 14 rds at 2 seconds interval.	6th Inf.	Intercept
1618	TI have been compromised. Not to be used. (Relayed to "A"/15)	S-3/15	Ex. C. 19th
1620	FW Cage now located at L-710815.	91st F.A.	S-3/15
1627	Serv/15 closed vic. L-722808 at 1600B.	CO Serv/15	S-3/15
1726	Show your air recognition panels.	CC"A"	S-3/15
1730	Our fwd elements at L-661565. We are encountering enemy infantry. Our infantry is moving up now.	3/"B"/15	S-3/15
1734	Above msg.	S-3/15	CO/15
1800	Have infantry send up their medical detachment. Their C.O. knows the route.	3/"B"/15	S-3/15
1815	It is urgent that you report fwd elements 1840B promptly.	CC"A"	S-3/15
1818	I recommend that you halt as soon as you get over the crossing.	CO/15	S-3/15
1836	I am now in the area where I was ordered to move. A good deal of artillery. Infantry all right.	"A"/15	S-3/15
1840	Fwd. elements at L-665578. No opposition. I am using AFA #1446.	"C"/15	S-3/15
1845	What elements of the 6th Inf. are with you people whose location you reported at 1740B? (Ans--"B"/6th)	6th Inf.	S-3/15
1900	Approximately 300 yds behind our friends. Believe they are trailing elements of Maj. Elliott.	"C"/15	S-3/15
1915	Send medical vehicle as far as it can get above L-665566 and then litter team forward.	CC"A"	S-3/15
1920	Fwd. elements of 2/15 L-663593, "C"/15 L-665578.	S-3/15	S-3 CC"A"
1930	C.P. located at L-697838.	S-3/15	S-3 CC"A"
1930	L-665538 to point 100 yds short of L-661545 then follow tank tracks to L-662863 to L-663557 then North.	CC"A"	S-3/15
1950	Have the elements of 16th Engineers that are with you return to their parent unit, parent unit is across from your area.	16th Engr	S-3/15
1955	Request artillery be lifted from town that we just went into.	"B"/15	S-3/15
1945	9 squads of 16th Engrs. detached as of 1945B.	S-3/15	16th Engr.

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DATE: 21 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. Pissasse, Italy (L-668538)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2015	Send the armored car and one good officer and 2 peeps up to join me. I am now North of L-668563. Will move forward thru town.	Col. Howze	CO "A" Intercept
2009	The 2 pits of "B"/701st T.D. are detached from your command. They are to report to 81st Rsn at L-698475.	S-3	CO "A" CQ/15
2020	All Units: Make maximum use of transportation to move ammo and personnel forward.	CO "A"	S-3/15
2036	T.D. pit relieved.	S-3/15	"D"/15
2106	We are moving to the place where the rest of the people were today into the town. We are taking a back route.	"A"/15	S-3/15
2115	We are moving on L-668819. Send armored car in that direction.	CO "A"	Intercept
2120	Are "D" and "F"/15 going to move up into that town? (Yes I would like to get into that column. I am about 800 yds on your side of by-pass. I am in contact with them. When you come into town there is an E.C.'d enemy tank. Turn left just before you take a sharp right turn. The road runs NE. Make right turn only to NE. Was a gun firing at E.C.'d tank. Let me know when you clear the town.)	S-3/15	CQ/15 Maj. Britenden
2130	Where will we be met? (In vic of R.E. I will make sure that some one picks you up.)	"A"/15	S-3/15
2140	There will be no guides on the road thru the town. He follows the canal and follows the tank path thru the town.	CQ/15	S-3/15
2206	We are now at L-633655.	Col. Howze	Intercept
2215	"B"/8th Inf. was last reported in the town at 1955E.	S-3/15	8th Inf.
2219	Inf. elements 2000 yds South of L-662606. Am working on a crossing.	1st Tk.	Col Howze Intercept
2240	Have you "D"/15 on the way over? (They are hung up by traffic).	Col. Howze	CQ/15
2300	You are taking wrong route. (We are following "D"/15).	CQ/15	S-3/15

DATE: 22 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. Crespignano, Italy (L-628682)

0128	I am at L-600715.	CO "C"/15	S-3/15
0125	I am unable to proceed at the moment. Some HE just came in, in addition to Burp guns.	CO "C"/15	S-3/15

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DATE: 22 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Via. Crespellano, Italy (L-628682)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0136	"C"/13 at L-600715 unable to proceed as he has encountered 3 unarmed vehicles and 50 disarmed men. Expects to continue on shortly.	S-3/13	S-3 CO"A"
0238	"C"/13 is 200 yds short of L-600715.	CO/13	Col. House
0245	Put guards on tonight. There are snipers in your area.	S-3/13	"B"/13
0306	200 yds short of L-600715 our elements ran into S/A and explosive fire. What is location of other outfit? (let Tk Bn be right behind us.)	Col. House	S-3/13
0350	Send up medics to us. We are not moving until Bn is complete.	"C"/13	Col. House
0353	The new medical company is coming up on tail of column coming up to you.	Col.	"C"/13
0358	C.F. at 300 yds EW of L-628619.	CO"A"	Col. House
0400	Proceed on advance as schedule when the elements in your rear gather up to you.	CO/13	"C"/13
0410	Have contact with infantry now. That is, friendly boys working with us.	"C"/13	CO/13
0415	Result of reconnaissance shows that road is a pretty hot affair.	"C"/13	CO/13
0420	If you can't get through there, try another, but get through. We must not delay.	CO 1/AD	CO/13
0555	Contact medical officer and have him send the wheeled vehicle (ambulance) up to rear of column. This is to expedite clearing of wounded.	CO/13	S-3/13
0655	Elements of units move again at 0630 hrs. from position given last night. As yet no contact.	CO/13	S-3/13
0620	Stopped by demolitions. Endeavoring to work our way around it with a tank dozer.	"C"/13	S-3/13
0558	Elements of CO"B" are at L-620583 at 0410B. Because of obstacles, they planned to go to L-618437.	CO"A"	C.O. 1/AD
0735	Blown bridge at front of us is over a swift flowing 25 ft. water gap and the bottom is soft. We have made limited reconnaissance on both sides without any success. There was supposed to be a bridge secured by one of our units. Check into that. We have taken 10 PW's.	CO/13	S-3/13
0745	Above msg.	S-3/13	CO"A"

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DATE: 22 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Via. Crespellana, Italy (L-623682)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0800	Our total PW's to date. - 25.	19th Tk Bn	ENROK
1045	We are holding 22 PW's at L-600690. Please assist with M.P.'s.	S-3/15	CC"A"
1050	Partisans report routes to Serrahia are mined.	1st Tk Bn	CC"A" Intercept
1105	1800 meters from obstacle.	"A"/15	S-3/15
1115	At about 0800 19th Tk Bn held up at L-545720 by demolitions.	91st F.A.	Intercept
0855	Serv/15 located at L-722506.	S-3/15	CC"A"
0920	Our C.P. located at L-623682.	S-3/15	CC"A"
0920	Our elements are moving across canal at L-600700 receiving S/A and mortar fire. We are using 1 squad 16th Infrs. to assist us.	S-3/15	CC"A"
1025	Move your command as far forward as possible. Bring all maintenance with you. Be sure "D"/15 maintenance officer comes with you. Unable to estimate gas consumption for today.	S-3/15	CC/Serv/15
1000	O.I. #8, CC"A" received at 1000E.	S-3/CC"A"	S-3/15
1100	Move all combat elements at once by all available transportation to area north of 69 northing and west of 65 easting. Shuttle when necessary.	CC"A"	Intercept
1100	We have 22 PW's. Will you pick them up at "B"/15 location?	Br. Co. 15th	S-3/15
1125	Relay following to "C"/15. Some "B"/15 infantry were mixed up in your column last night. Have them report to aid station and wait for our transportation.	Br. Co. 15th	S-3/15
1127	German 2 man demolition team captured about 0430E complete with demolition equipment by our forward elements.	Br. Co. 15th	S-3/15
1150	We are just beyond the bridge.	"A"/15	S-3/15
1155	I want everything up in this vic. Do not leave anything behind. Includes all maintenance and their equipment. "D"/15 maintenance and equipment are still back there. Bring it up and keep it together as much as possible.	CC/Hq/15	S-3/15
1155	19th Tk Bn at L-560710. (Pw. elements)	1st Tk Bn	Col House Intercept

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DATE: 22 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. Crespellano, Italy (L-628682)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1140	My location is L-560710. Situation: One flank unit destroyed in town south of there. 40 PW's captured. Car losses are very light.	Col. Howe	OO"A"
1145	Bridge blown at L-582725.	CO/15	8-3/15
1200	We are not making any progress here. Have unit on your right see about that other ford.	CO/15	"A"/15
1210	Loading elements via. L-580781. Now making progress.	6th Inf.	Intercept
1210	Air reports bridge at L-615778 good. Will you report this to Col. Howe? (Relayed to Col. Howe and CO/15).	OO"A"	8-3/15
1220	15th Lt. Co. push reconnaissance for Serchio river immediately. Bridge at L-543682 is reported by air reconnaissance as being intact. Partisans report all bridges and approaches mined.	OO"A"	8-3/15
1255	General Howe, 5th Army General Affairs Officer visited our C.P.	NOTE	
1300	Have you any petrol with you on a vehicle? If so, start him across bridge. Turn right and follow my truck. My LO will meet him.	CO/15	8-3/15
1310	I want gas and a man who knows how to drain gas from a new vehicle.	CO/15	8-3/15
1320	C.P. reports 6 enemy horse-drawn artillery pieces at L-578628.	Sgt F.A. Intercept	
1335	OO"A" orders us to push reconnaissance for Serchio river crossings at once.	8-3/15	CO/15
1350	It is important that you report position of fwd elements at once.	OO"A"	8-3/15
1355	No change in fwd elements. (Relayed to OO"A")	CO/15	8-3/15
1425	Fwd positions at L-583725. We are having some difficulty in getting across obstacle. As soon as I hear anything, will let you know.	8-3/15	OO"A"
1435	The obstacle has been completed.	"D"/15	8-3/15
1455	Units are moving out.	CO/15	8-3/15
1505	I don't think it advisable to move across this open country alone, you may move at 1800H to assure your movement. You may move with the other people. "B", "C", & "D"/15 will move with me.	CO/15	8-3/15

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DATE: 22 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. Crespellano, Italy (L-628682)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1600	Head of our column passed L-551749 at 1645R. Things look rather suspicious because of civilian attitude. However, no contact yet. Have dismantled infantry and are conducting a reconnaissance. (Sent to CO "A")	CO/15	2-3/15
1605	Surrender mound from L-722508 at 1545R. Closed new area L-628682 at 1605R. 1 T-2 and 1 wrecker in old area will close tonight.	CO Serv/15	2-3/15
1605	Your company, the infantry with you, and 3/A/15 will move from present area at 1605R tonight. We will move up to you at that time and tie in on the rear of your column. Contact 3/A/15(Lt. Hitchcock) and tell him these arrangements. Trains will be with us.	2-3/15	CO "B"/15
1640	To move down out buildings.	CO/15	2-3/15
1655	We have taken about 40 or 50 PW's. Would like to send them back with trains tonight.	CO/15	2-3/15
1800	To all units: O.L. #6, dated 22 April this Hqs is recorded.	CC "A"	2-3/15
1815	That mission is on again. Leave 2 of smaller units of your people behind. Just take half of your people.	CC "A"	2-3/15
1820	S.F. firing from NW of Bastiglia. 6 second interval. 1 rd per minute.	CC "A"	2-3/15
1845	Have Maj. Elliott call me. He is to go with us.	CC "A"	2-3/15
1880	You are to go with the column going to the big town (Modena)	2-3/15	Rx. C. 15th
1947	CO/15 moving on the road. Has had some casualties and is nearing the objective.	Col. Howze	2-3/15
2030	Will you send medics here?	3/B/15	2-3/15
2050	Your fwd elements at L-475820 spread on a 300 yd front.	CO 68th F.A.	2-3/15
2105	Rx. C. took one-half of elements we had here and went to the big city south of us. Tell Col. Howze that we are not in contact with Rx. C. We have rest of elements and are nearing you.	2-3/15	"A"/15
2125	We have captured 200 PW's which include 1 Capt., 1 Lt., and 1 Chaplain. We knocked out 1 horse-drawn 75mm and 1 155mm howitzer and numerous other vehicles.	6th Inf. Interest	CO "A"

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DATE: 23 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Via, Crespellano, Italy (638882)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1150	Report isolated group of enemy surrounded at L-568719. Need assistance. Enemy does not desire to surrender.	6th Inf.	CG"A" Intercept
2215	I have received reliable report that there is a German convoy coming up behind you consisting of trucks, ambulances, and lead by a motorcycle. This was reported by a man from your S-3 section who ran into the tail of the convoy and was accompanied by a man from message center. Also one of our gas truck drivers was stopped by an Inf. boy who told him the same thing. Following the same general route as you are.	"A"/15	S-3/15
2230	C.P. now at L-478836.	S-3/15	CG"A"
2230	Our S-3 Sgt. who stopped off to give you figures tonight did not catch the column and ran into an enemy column of trucks and ambulances following the same route we took. He is with "C"/15 and I am out of communication with them. We are having a little difficulty in following the next move. The Sgt. has one overlay with him. Will you send us coded coordinates of route we are to take?	S-3/15	CG"A"
DATE: 23 April 1945 PLACE: (L-371969)			
0133	All crossings of the Po will be guarded against enemy passage upon arrival. Sector "Task Force Harlow" left of our boundary to L-370030. "Task Force Gardiner" at L-370030 to right boundary. The first Task Force to arrive will guard both sectors of CG"A". Be prepared to move on further offensive missions.	CG CG"A"	CG/15 CG/1st Tk
0345	We are now moving from present position via. L-478836.	S-3/15	CG"A"
0410	The route that you will follow will be on the right of the two on the left of the overlay. (Will I get there if I follow your tracks?) Yes.	S-3/15	CG "C"/15
0430	We are proceeding without incident.	S-3/15	CG/15
0515	Give me locations of your Fed elements immediately.	S-3/CG"A"	S-3/15
0517	Leading elements of 18th at L-450879 and proceeding without incident.	S-3/15	S-3/CG"A"
0600	We are on Po River.	1st Tk Intercept	61st P.A.
0619	The bridge at 4898 is blown. We are reconnoitering another crossing.	CG/15	S-3/15

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DATE: 28 April 1945
PLACE: (L-571969)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0715	Enemy convoy of infantry and tanks at L-36009235. Request help.	91st FA	1st Tn Bn Intercept
0720	Give location of convoy. Maybe I can help. (Location given)	General Daniels	1st Tn Bn Intercept
0800	15 enemy vehicles including 2 tanks or S.P.'s at L-360925 moving South to L-366807 toward San Vittorio at L-345906.	91st F.A.	1st Tn Bn Intercept
0805	En. C.'s entire force are to be alerted for a similar mission further on.	CG"A"	S-3/15
0755	Send a plt of 15th and plt of 5th Inf. to meet C.C. These plts will be from Maj. Elliott's force.	CG"A"	S-3/15
0830	The town is clear. The bridge site is secure. The Engrs. are working on the bridge. Bridge at L-484839 is blown.	En. C. 15th Intercept	C.C. CG"A"
0930	Heavy traffic moving North. Cannot identify.	"A"/15	S-3/15
0940	Are you going to make the crossing?(If it is feasible)	S-3/15	CG/15
0945	Get Po bridgehead if possible.	CG"A"	Col. Howse Intercept
0955	I am unable to contact "D"/15. We are going in town on our mission. Tell him to come back up here as quickly as possible. (Msg sent to "D"/15)	CG/15	S-3/15
0955	Assemble "C"/15 and await orders.	CG/15	S-3/15
1115	Have everything follow us on.	CG/15	S-3/15
1150	Civilians report there are Germans in houses 1/2 km. from you.	"A"/15	S-3/15
1155	3 S.P. guns via L-382007.	1st Tn Bn	S-3/15
1140	PW Capt. is at our present location.	CG"A"	S-3/15
1145	C.P. at L-436901.	CG"A"	S-3/15
1430	Have Col. Gardiner report to C.P. 14th Inf. as soon as possible.	CG CG"A"	S-3/15
1455	15th Tn Bn attached to 10th Mtn Div as of 1800H 28rd April. Bn being assembled in present area in preparation for movement to 10th Mtn Div area.	G-3/1 AD	CG/15
1500	C.P. opened L-571969 at 1500H.	S-3/15	
1430	"A"/15 on objective at Inzara at L-366030 at 1430H.	"A"/15	S-3/15

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DATE: 23 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: (L-571969)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1800	"D"/15 on objective via L-416045 at 1800R.	S-3/15	CG"A"
1815	I would like to get location where I can send elements of 16th Engrs, who are with me.	S-3/15	CG"A"
1830	Send elements of 16th Engrs. to parent unit.	CG"A"	S-3/15
2030	What shall we do with the vehicles that need maintenance?	CG "C"/15	Sp4/15
2030	Serv/15 maintenance will be by tomorrow and fix them. Men will stay with tanks.	S-3/15	CG "C"/15
2145	Beware of strafing aircraft.	S-3/15	All CG's

DATE: 24 April 1945
PLACE: (P-598165)

0600	The following vehicles of 15th Tr Bn are now across the river: 3 mediums, 7 light, and 1 T-2.	Hq. Co. 15th	C. Co. 10th Mtn
0715	5/A/15 closed this vic at 0715 hrs.	5/A/15	S-3/15
0730	Request mechanics be sent to Ferry No. 2. (Above sent to Lt. Boyd).	Capt. Werner	S-3/15
0745	Capt. Weinberg to report to Capt. McIntyre at 85th Mtn Inf. Regt. immediately. All tanks now across river now under control of 1st Bn 85th Inf. Regt. 85th C.P. at P-598645.	LQ/15	S-3/15
0850	No. 1 Ferry point now open.	Lt. Brown	S-3/15
0850	No.1 will hold medium tank so says the operator. Shall I try to send them across?	Capt. Werner	S-3/15
0830	Send the pit of "D"/15 that is there over before trying a medium.	S-3/15	Capt. Werner
0850	Total vehicles across: 7 mediums, 8 light, 1 T-2.	CG/Hq Co.	S-3/15
0935	I am coming back up there to see you. Don't try to send medium over No. 1 until I get there.	CG/15	CG/Hq/15
1000	Col. Gardner is to be at Staff meeting at 10th Mtn C.P. at 1800R. Vehicle status report to go to 1/AD G-4 daily.	LQ/15	S-3/15
1045	1 medium has crossed on No. 1.	CG/Hq/15	S-3/15
1045	Divert the M-4's of "B"/15 to No. 1 and send them across. P.O. tanks to precede them.	S-3/15	CG/Hq/15

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DATE: 24 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: (R-571969)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
1045	Ferry No. 2 has broken down. No. 1 is only one operative.	CO/Hq/15	S-3/15
1945	Partisans report 200 enemy tanks coming from Gensaga going NE toward Pregonage. You have been ordered to block.	LQ/15 Sms 10th Mm	CO/15
	"A"/15--		
	"B"/15--		
	"C"/15--F-681110, cover F-605089, F-595094, F-631110.		
	"D"/15-- Get down to Gensaga as rapidly as you can. Talk to civilians and find out as much as you can. The Germans may be in Gensaga and Pregonage as this report was of an hour ago. Open radio net immediately.		
1515	Serv/15 moved from L-475532 at 0840H, closed via F-597105 at 1245P.	GO Serv/15	S-3/15
1516	Disregard mission given--everything called off. Report to G.P. immediately.	S-3/15	All Co's.
1116	All of the infantry are across.	CO/Hq/15	CO/15
1156	I am across, but the rest of my vehicles are held up. Having trouble with one vehicle. Will leave it in assembly area and let it in maintenance work on it.	"A"/15	S-3/15
1166	The ferry is broken, but will be fixed soon and your vehicles will continue.	S-3/15	"A"/15
1145B	C.P. closed via F-589117 at 1145H enroute over Po river to assembly area.	S-3/15	
1200	C.O. won't let the last vehicle of "D"/15 cross. We may be able to get it across later.	"A"/15	S-3/15
1201	Your vehicle will be coming across shortly. The ferry will be fixed shortly.	CO/Hq/15	"A"/15
1610	Assault guns 16th closed area F-609117 at 1610H.	S-3/15	S-3 1/AD
1610	S-3 1/AD wants to know if you want a Co. of "Ingpatih" equipment to use in your operation.	10th Mm	S-3/15
1930	We will have elements of PARA with us. They will require rations and gas. Number of vehicles and personnel unknown. Approximately 10 vehicles and 50 men.	Ex. Co. 15th	S-4/15
1930	I am where I was told to be. No. 1 has started. My friends are here who want to get there also. On question of infiltration we can't agree.	"D"/15	Ex. Co. 15th

DATE: 24 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: (F-596165)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2000	I am taking a group of my boys and taking them to another ferry.	"D"/15	Ex. Co. 15th
DATE: 25 April 1945 PLACE: (F-596165)			
1440	Ex. Co. of 10th Mtn Div wants to contact Col. Gardiner Hq/10th at once. If he is on this side of river have him go to 10th Mtn C.P. If on other side go to nearest infantry phone and call.	Hq/10th	3-3/15
1445	Ex. Co. 10th Mtn Div is leaving now for assembly area. Will meet Col. Gardiner there.	C.G. 10th Mtn Div.	3-3/15
1455	7 medium tanks have come across. No. 1 ferry operating. No. 2 not operating.	CQ/Hq/15	3-3/15
1735	Vehicle report--17 tanks and 3 others.	"D"/15	CQ/15
1810	Are you at crossing on the left or at the new crossing at the extreme left?	3-3/15	Ex. Co. 15th
1815	We are at new crossing area, but we have lost our priority. Another unit has 1st priority.	Ex. Co. 15th	3-3/15
1816	Can you go across after that unit?	3-3/15	Ex. Co. 15th
1817	I think so.	Ex. Co. 15th	3-3/15
1818	Take the rest of "C"/15 and "A"/15 across. We also have some T.D.'s to take across.	3-3/15	Ex. Co. 15th
1819	If I cannot get across, I will try to infiltrate 2 or 3 vehicles at a time.	Ex. Co. 15th	3-3/15
1840	3/"A"/15, "Dogpatch" equipment, and balance of Hq Co. coming up also. I am returning to C.P.	3-3/15	3-3/15
1955	C.P. closed F-596165 at 1955H.	NOTE	
2045	Col. Darby orders that as soon as we get 5 tanks together, we send them forward.	Col. Darby	3-3/15
2050	"C"/15 all set to cross bridge. Capt. Warner has the assault platoon.	CQ/Hq/15	3-3/15
2315	"C"/15 has 2 vehicles across and 1 on bridge.	"C"/15	3-3/15
2330	7 tanks, 2 platoon closed via F-596165 at 2330H.	NOTE	

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DATE: 28 April 1945
PLACE: (F-614814)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0100	"C"/15 closed in C.P. at F-598108 at 0100R. C.P. closed 0115R. Mission to join "D"/15 tanks last reported in Villafranca area. Order of march: "A"/15 - Hq./15-A/G's - "Dogpatch" equipment - F.G. tanks - "C"/15.	NOTE	
0130	Have your gun covers off and your guns unlimbered.	S-3/15	All Co's.
0345	We have run into another column.	"A"/15	S-3/15
0545	We are at F-507406. We have "A"/15 and "C"/15.	S-3/15	CQ/15
0550	We are at F-596497.	CQ/15	S-3/15
0600	Reference my previous call; There is no reason why all elements should not continue march up to F-596497. Drop everything coming and pick up everything on the way that belongs to us.	CQ/15	S-3/15
0655	We can see F-596497. Do you want us to continue?	S-3/15	Maj. Crittenden
0655	Continue to F-622526. Bring up everything.	Maj. Crittenden	S-3/15
0730	End in now north of F-622526.	86th Mtn Inf. Intercept	
0830	C.P. closed via Verona (F-614814) at 0805R.	NOTE	
0835	Above msg.	S-3/15	10th Mtn Div.
0825	"C"/15 closed into assembly area at 0825R. via. F-614819.	CQ/"C"/15	S-3/15
1200	"C"/15 plus "A"/86th (-1 plt), will perform reconnaissance for possible bridge sites via F-540567 to F-594878.	C.G. 10th Mtn Div.	CQ/15
1200	Task Force Weinberg (1 plt "D"/15 plus 1 plt "A"/15 plus 1 plt 86th Mtn Inf. will reconnaissance for possible bridge sites via. F-540567 to F-590695.	C.G. 10th Mtn Div.	CQ/15
1205	Above mission cancelled.	G-3 1/AD	CQ/15
1215	Missions assigned 1200R will be executed at once. (Relayed to Capt. Clay and Weinberg.)	C.G. 10th Mtn Div.	CQ/15
1220	"C"/15 and Task Force Weinberg moved out.	NOTE	
1244	CQ/15 wants a detachment of medics to accompany elements of "D"/15 who left a short time ago.	CQ/15	5/15

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DATE: 28 April 1948
PLACE: (P-614514)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1430	12th Tk Bn is relieved from 10th Mtn Div and reverts to 1/AD control.	G-3 10th Mtn Div	00/15
1435	12th Tk Bn less elements now on missions will proceed to Beverbella E-463358 and join 1/AD.	C.G. 10th	00/15
1631	We are on our objective. The town is secure. We have found a bridge partly blown. With a little work it should be useable for us and our friends, but would like expert opinion on it. We have taken 5 or 6 P.W.'s. Have found a German labor battalion that is willing to work on bridge and already started getting timber. Are there any more instructions?	"C"/15	3-3/15
1653	Request location of "D"/15. How far on right or left of the	"C"/15	3-3/15
1700	We can not give you instructions as yet. Perhaps in 1/4 hr. Keep a sharp look out for "D"/15.	3-3/15	"C"/15
1745	Location of "D"/15 is P-601906.	"D"/15	3-3/15
1747	"D"/15 went to bridge and found it blown. They have backed away and are waiting for further orders.	"C"/15	3-3/15
1752	Did "D"/15 actually see the bridge blown or is it just hearsay?	3-3/15	"C"/15
1755	"D"/15 went to the bridge and found it blown and drew back.	"C"/15	3-3/15
1805	Bridge at P-604941 was destroyed while "D"/15 was en-route to it. Request further instructions.	3-3/15	10th Mtn Div.
1800	Location of "D"/15 same. 164514/14 C.O. of infantry wants "D"/15 to go with him on another mission.	"D"/15	3-3/15
1900	Hq. Co less H and G plts, 2-3 and communications track, and "A"/15 and "B"/15 moved from vic P-614519 at 1800Z to assembly area via Beverbella P-463358. Balance of Bn remains in present locations.	NOTE	
2025	We have 62 PW's. Can you send the proper people to take care of them?	"D"/15	3-3/15
2150	"C"/15 closed.	"C"/15	3-3/15
2210	We are out of contact with our people working with 1st Bn 88th Inf. Will you please notify them to return to us when they are relieved?	3-3/15	10th Mtn Div.

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DATE: 27 April 1948
PLACE: (P-478572) & (P-204492)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0808	C.P. closed P-214574 at 0810Z.	NOTE	
0815	C.P. opened P-478572 at 0810Z.	2-3/15	2-3 1/AD
1128	You will move out complete at 1200Z taking some extra year 10 tools. Your destination being the same as his, you will be met short of town. Send men people ahead.	2-3 1/AD	2-3/15
	Hq/15 closed P-478572 at 0810Z.	NOTE	
	"C"/15 closed P-482289 at 0815Z.		
	"A"/15 closed P-477867 at 2045Z.		
	"B"/15 closed P-478528 at 2100Z.		
	"D"/15 closed P-481377 at 1130Z.		
1234	C.P. closed P-478572 at 1234Z.	NOTE	
1430	C.P. opened at P-204492 at 1442Z(via Castiglione)	2-3/15	2-3 1/AD
1600	Srv/15 closed 1545Z at via. P-204492.	CG/Srv/15	2-3/15
1730	2 M-4 F.O. tanks from 57th F.A. Bn attached as of 1730Z, 15 man.	2-3 1/AD	2-3/15
1700	Bn now under Reserve Command.	Col Howe	2-3/15
1700	Reserve Command consists of 15th Tr Bn, 11 AIB, and Col Howe 57th F.A. in support.	2-3/15	
1710	It is planned that a covering force consisting of 1 plt "D"/15, 1 plt Inf. and Bn Hqs plt will form and precede the column with the mission of contacting the enemy, following route given and hold the enemy while the Bn deployed. Above commanded by Lt. Hedges of "D"/15. The main body under command of Col. Gardner will consist of "A", "C", and balance of "D"/15 plus Bn Hqs. The reserve will consist of the balance of the 11 AIB less C Co. and "B"/15 under command of Col. Gibbons.	C.O. Div. Reserve	2-3/15
	Order of march for the main body will be as follows: "A"/15 plus 1/2 Co. 11 AIB "C"/15 plus 1/2 Co. 11 AIB Pacino Carriers Hq. & Hqs. Co/15 Assault Gms/15		
1720	Order of March - plt. of 15th Tr Bn - this Hq's followed by 57 F.A. followed by 11 AIB followed by remainder of 15th Tr Bn. Loading elements reach I.F. at P-204492 at 1900Z.	Col. Howe	2-3/15

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DATE: 27 April 1948 (cont.)
PLACE: (F-264492)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1730	As of 1700Z G Co, 11 AIB attached.	C. Co, Div Reserve	S-3/15
1745	Be prepared to move at 1900Z.	Ex. Co 12th	"A" & "C" 12th
1840	An enemy vehicle column escorted by 2 tanks is reported moving East of a line Linate F-265500 to Castiglione Reserve F-255500. You will dispatch the covering force to protect our flank.	C. Co, Div Reserve	00/15
1840	Alert your unit to move and have C. Co report at once.	00/15	00 1/"D"/15 00 1/"A"/15 11 AIB F. Co
1850	Force has moved to F-246500 and F-276500. Will report when they close.	00/15	Col. House
1915	Alert your unit for immediate move.	Col. House	S-3/15
1930	1/"A"/15 moved to lead of column at 1900Z. Followed by Div. Reserve, Sq 11 AIB, 12th Tr Bn.	S-3/15	Col House
1935	Have 1st plt move on road and come as far as this C.P.	Ex. Co 12th	"A"/15
1945	We decoded message too late and will be late to L.P.	Ex. Co	Col House
1955	Partisans report 300 S.S. troops via F-1844 moving NE on foot.	1/AD	S-3/15
2000	Advance force has reached left position.	Ex. Co 12th	Col House
2025	C.P. closed F-264492 at 2025Z.	S-3/15	1/AD
2030	We are moving. Closed C.P. F-264492 at 1025Z.	00/15	Col House
2115	Head of column halted for an indefinite period.	Col House	S-3/15
2200	Civilian reports 3000 enemy in area Quince D'Oglio at F-2645 and Forge at F-2647. American tank there needs help.	Col House	S-3/15
2305	We are moving out.	Col House	S-3/15
2307	At each halt car commanders check that driver of vehicle ahead does not go to sleep.	Col House	S-3/15
2310	We will not leave our present route without further information to you.	Col House	S-3/

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DATE: 27 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: (P-264492) Vic. Castiglione, Italy

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2225	We are heading for town, (Brescia).	Col House	2-2/15
2235	Rush component will drop a guide at critical junctions to make sure no vehicles get lost.	Col House	2-2/15
DATE: 28 April 1945 PLACE: Vic. Bergame, Italy (P-449289)			
0120	You are on the wrong road. Turn around and come back. You should be on the Autostrada.	Col. House Intercept	27th F.A.
0140	Where is your leading battery? (15 minutes ahead). You are on wrong road. (We are on correct road).	Rz. Co. 15th	27th F.A.
0145	The 2 leading batteries have turned around and are heading for the Autostrada.	27th F.A.	Rz. Co. 15th
0720	Send billeting party to head of column at once.	Col House	2-2/15
0615	As soon as road becomes clear move up along same route until you meet your billeting party.	Col House	2-2/15
0630	Partisans report that there are 500 enemy in Morate at P-455222. If we get there we can take care of them.	Col House Intercept	11th Inf.
0945	C.P. and Rn closed via P-445222 at 0945H.	NOTE	
1000	Rn alerted for immediate move to Bergame. "A"/15 furnish 1 plt for advance guard. Order of March; 1 plt "A"/15, balance of 15th Tr Bn, 11 AIB, and 27th F.A. Rn.	Col House	2-2/15
1055	All unit commanders assemble at this Hq's.	Col House	2-2/15
1220	We have info of large enemy column moving North on NS road somewhere in grid square. Location of column is P-455222. They have asked civilians the best route to the Swiss border.	Col House Intercept	27 F.A.
1401	Civilians report enemy column with vehicles and armor moving south on road from via P-455222. Believed to be going to Caprine (P-450220)	Col House Intercept	11 AIB
1405	Have C.O. of all units report here immediately.	Col. House	All Units
1540	Air C.P. reports they have sighted 20 unidentified vehicles. Vehicles pulling trailers.	Col House	2-2/15
1610	Partisans report 1 enemy Division moving North toward Crema 25 km. South of Crema.	CC "B" Intercept	1/AD
1815	Serv/15 closed in at 1700H at P-447222.	CO Serv/15	2-2/17

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DATE: 28 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. Bergamo, Italy (P-449989)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1815	Your LC should be there with some information to alert a Co. of tanks for a special job.	Col House	8-3/18
1818	Alert your Co. for a little job.	Ex. Co. 18th	CO "C"/18
1830	Do you know what bridge I mean where "C"/18 and the infantry will meet? It is the one that is a stone's throw from where you are.	Col House	8-3/18
1911	Require one Co. of tanks to go to a certain bridge, the one closest to you to the east ("C"/18)	Col House	CO/18
1915	It has been reported to me I am'd our fighting in Bergamo. This info given me by our Hq's Capt. I believe Col. House has info from same source.	3/"D"/18	8-3/18
1930	Assault Guns in firing positions at P-445980.	A/G's	8-3/18
1936	G.P. closed old location at 1910B opened new location at 1930B.	8-3/18	Col House
2005	Water point now open at K-599770. (Sent to all Co's.)	1/AD	8-3/18

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PLACE: Vic. Bergamo, Italy (P-449989)

2245	Jerry column of five minutes duration is moving west towards our positions at bridge. Headed by jeep and 70mm tank. English speaking officer at head of column said "Don't shoot."	"C"/18	8-3/18
2249	Above message sent to Col. House.	8-3/18	Col House
2249	Send one light tank to contact head of column and halt it.	Col House	8-3/18
2255	Above message sent to "D"/18.	8-3/18	"D"/18
2310	Heavy column lead by 81st Pan Capt. who is leading it to PW Cags. 300 vehicles - 4000 PW's.	"D"/18	8-3/18
2312	Above message sent to Col. House.	8-3/18	Col House
2315	Hq's Co. 47th Medic K-486988. 4/47th K-483687.	0-4 1/AD	8-3/18
2320	Check and see if the friendly element leading the column has definite arrangements to take care of it. If not, curl the column in a field and surround it with a platoon of tanks.	Col House	8-3/18

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DATE: 28 April 1945
PLACE: Vico, Erivio, Italy (P-449938)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0028	Col Howse wants "D"/13 to take the two tanks guarding the bridge to report to G-3 1/AD. They are to escort a Army Commander.	Col Howse	S-3/13
0120	2 tks for escort delivered to G-3 1/AD.	"D"/13	S-3/13
0155	3 light tanks are to report to traffic circle in Bergamo P-62947 to escort PW's to Mantova.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
0225	"C"/13 is relieved of mission. Returning back to area.	Col Howse via "D"/13	S-3/13
0351	3/"A"/13 reported a train consisting of a locomotive and 8 cars moving North on the railroad that is near him. Was in no position to fire. People with him reported a sound like 2 or 3 horse-drawn vehicles moving South thru woods west of him.	"A"/13	S-3/13
0700	#8 is in position to take care of that matter.	"A"/13	S-3/13
0705	All supply trucks going to rear will join arm'd column at P-62947 at 0800R. Return trip will assemble at Mantova at 1230R.	Col Howse	S-3/13
0720	I am giving my 1st plt the job of covering the R.R. Civilians and partisans say that only civilians use it however, we are going to stop and check it the next time it comes thru.	"A"/13	S-3/13
0830	GM S-33 Camp at P-655338. Gas dump in town Aslie.	G-4 1/AD	S-3/13
0840	3rd plt "D"/13 has been detached to act as traffic guides in Bergamo.	G.O. 1/AD	S-3/13
0930	3 light tanks are to report to Provost Marshal, 1st AD Div. Reserve at PW Cage at once.		S-3/ 13th
1000	Do you wish to reinforce the road block of 3/"D"/13 with	S-3/13	Col. Howse mediums?
1000	I will talk with Col. Gardiner on above question later.	Col Howse	S-3/13
1122	Rm is in position.	Rm/13	S-3/13
1145	Co. C.O.'s and Staff meeting at 1230B today.	S-3/13	All C.O.'s
1200	Div PW Cage at K-452287. Army class I dump at P-670510. Div ACP at L-532833 reopened P-670510. "A"/47th Medics K-607778, "B"/47th K-343978.	G-4 1/AD	S-3/13
1325	Send 3 tank drivers and 3 75mm gunners from your surplus personnel to Hq's CO "B" at once. (K-607783). We will send additional info if this is temporary.	G-1 1/AD	S-3/13
1400	Change to net D-27 (Special mission net) effective 1415R.	Col Howse	All Units

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DATE: 29 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. Brivio, Italy (F-449939)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1615	C.P. "A"/13 closed at 1545E, opened new location at 1615E.	"A"/13	S-3/13
1650	2/"A"/13 at F-524884 and moving on.	"A"/13	S-3/13
1745	Dispositions have been made as previously planned at 1630E. 2/"A"/13 did not complete patrol and encountered nothing. Will possibly be completed in 30 minutes.	"A"/13	S-3/13
1755	All elements of "A"/13 in position. Patrol encountered no enemy-communications with all elements good.	S-3/13	Col. Howse
1800	H/T patrol from F-462934 along highway to F-450930 furnished by Hq/13, F and S plts. Radio on Bn channel. Constant patrol during hours of darkness. One round trip every 2 hours during daylight. Report situation at end of each trip. Mission to detect and pick up enemy P.W.s.	Col. Howse	S-3/13
1805	Immediate action: Guards will be posted in all unit areas and on all three roads therein to ensure that no unauthorized persons are driving captured vehicles. When unauthorized vehicles are apprehended, they will be taken to the P.W. Cage without delay. Any person driving captured vehicles without written authority of his unit C.O. will be considered in the above class.	G-1 1/AD	S-3/13
2000	Alert 1 section of light tanks to escort P.W.'s. to P.W. Cage.	Col. Johnson	Sx. O. 13th
2010	Same as above.	S-3/13	"D"/13
2020	2/"A"/13 has 18 P.W.'s. C.O. not there and is wondering what to do about them.	"A"/13	S-3/13
2025	3/"C"/13 reports 25 tanks are moving south from F-460870 to F-423882. 3/"A"/13 sent some of his men to these coordinates but found nothing.	CO "C"/13	S-3/13
2035	3/"C"/13 got this info from Partisans. (Above relayed to Col. Howse)	CO "C"/13	CO/13
2145	The infantry with our 3/"C"/13 want their maintenance vehicle at the following position: Brivio.	"C"/13	S-3/13
2250	Above message relayed and cleared to 11th Infantry.	S-3/13	11th Inf.
2300	"A"/13 has now established communications with all necessary elements.	All Stations 13th	S-3/13

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DATE: 30 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. Arcore, Italy (F-468941 & K-356816)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0005	Alert your unit for a move at 0730B 30 April. C.O.'s report to this C.P. at 0630B 30 April. Do not move any of your elements until further orders.	S-3/13	All Co's/13
0008	Disregard the alert, but have your C.O. report to this C.P. as designated.	S-3/13	Serv/13
0620	Alert 2 plts of medium tanks and 1 Inf. Co. to stand by to remove approximately 1000 enemy from Milan. C.O. of Group report to G-3 at 0900B. Alert 1 plt tanks to evacuate potential P.W.'s at Monza.	Col. House	S-3/13
0620	Fascine Carriers detached as of 0630B. Return to F-463835.	S-3/13	
0630	C.P. closed via F-468941 at 0630B.	S-3/13	Col. House
1024	C.P. opened at 1000B at K-356816.	S-3/13	Col. House
1025	G-2 and H/T, 2 E and S H/T plus 1 peep left vicinity K-354813 to Monza under command of Capt. Merrill as per instructions from Col. Gardiner.		S-3/13
1100	We are in Arcore on the main road. One of the gas trucks went back to the dump. One of the other gas trucks did not follow me. We will need more gas if we are going the distance you say we are.	CO "C"/13	S-3/13
1106	I will contact the proper people and try to get you more gas.	S-3/13	CO "C"/13
1107	Do you have 2 empty trucks with you?	S-3/13	3/"C"/13
1110	We have a gas truck and will take it back with us when we take P.W.'s. We are taking a long trip.	3/"C"/13	S-3/13
1116	Come down where we are. I think you know where that is.	CO/13	S-3/13
1335	Night (8) head shower at K-463954 opens 0830B to 2000B. (Sent out to all Co's.)	G-4 1/AD	S-3/13
1338	Maintenance vehicle collecting point 1/2 mile NW of Olgiate open.	C.G. 1/AD	S-3/13
1343	May I move out the same route that I was speaking to Maj. Elliott about?	CO "A"/13	S-3/13
1345	Yes, you can use the same route and meet us. We are moving out now.	S-3/13	CO "A"/13

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DATE: 30 April 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: V.le. Arcore, Italy (K-356816).

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1345	Closed C.P. at 1345B at K-356816.	S-3/15	Col Howze
1355	Col. Gardiner did not want everything moved. He only wanted Maj. Crittenden to come down.	Ex. Co. 15th	S-3/15
1400	Go back to where you started from and await further orders.	S-3/15	CO "A"/15
1415	Reopened C.P. at same location at 1415B.	S-3/15	Col Howze
1449	You may move everything up to where you are now. You will have to be responsible for own security.	LQ/15	CO/15
1450	2 columns joining at 4665 at Trucassano. Possible enemy heading north.	Col Howze	CO/15
1455	Notify Lt. Robert A. Johnson to report to Col. Graton as soon as possible for interview, and possible transfer. Army group said to be located in the Florence area. Notify this Hq's as soon as that is taken care of.	Col. Howze	CO/15
1555	A vehicle from "C"/15 needs maintenance and is in vicinity of "C" Co. 14th Arm'd Inf.	Col Howze	S-3/15
1725	Location of "C" Co. 14th Arm'd Inf. K-429765.	Col Howze	S-3/15
1850	Presence of strong enemy columns last reported west of Milano required that outposts and strong points be on the alert tonight and that Command Reserve be ready to move on short notice. 15th AIB make contact on the right with G.P. 81st Rex Sqdn at K-250900 and make arrangements for direct warning if enemy is contacted in sector of 81st Rex Sqdn.	Col Howze	S-3/15
1900	Above message.	Ex. Co. 15th	All Co's. 15th
2000	Effective immediately you will submit a situation report hourly by radio or telephone. Negative report will be submitted by 1955B.	Col Howze	S-3/15
2020	3 P-47's NO's. 88 and 71 strafed road one mile north of Manzo at approximately 1900B. Apparently were after a small tram which was running by and barely missed a column of friendly elements, killed 3 civilians. It is reported that the road between Lecco and Milan is occupied by Allied troops. Milan also has allied troops in it.	S-3/15	Col Howze

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DATE: 30 April 1945
PLACE: Vic. Arcore, Italy (K-356816)

TIME MESSAGE FROM TO

2215 CO/13 is designated to take the surrender of the remnants of a German Corps tomorrow at about 0600H at approximately coordinate 0060 (25 km. WSW of Milano). CO/13 will tonight visit G-3 I/AD to obtain precise location and dispositions of enemy column. Division has suggested one plt of tanks and one plt infantry to take the surrender and form the escort.

One plt 11th AIB will report to CO/13 (or representative) at the Autostrada junction at K-295735 at 0715H tomorrow morning for attachment until completion of this mission. Enemy strength estimated 2000 with 260 vehicles. 5 trucks will be furnished by 13th Ft Bn for carrying small arms.

2215 You will have 5 empty trucks and 1 gas truck report to this G-3 tomorrow at 0600H. If you do desire the trucks may come here with bearer of this message tonight and have breakfast here.

2345 All enemy columns reported east of Milano today are now prisoners. Col House 3-3/15

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SECTION III - PERSONNEL

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251. U. S. Army

ROSTER OF OFFICERS
As of 30 April 1945

NAME	RANK	SER. NO.	ASSIGNMENT
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BATTALION STAFF

Gardiner, Henry E	Lt Col	0-397013	C.O.
Elliott, John C	Major	0-319341	Executive Off
Loe, Robert J	1st Lt	0-1176706	S-1
Merrill, William M	Captain	0-419963	S-2
Crittenden, Frank C	Major	0-453538	S-3
Gilmore, Hugh R	Captain	0-1013271	S-4
Seaborn, Joseph K	1st Lt	0-1015421	Liaison Off

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS UNASGD

Fulk, Hubert A.	Major	0-302453	DS w/Res Cnd IAD
Brown, William R	1st Lt	0-1013085	I & E and Spec Sv Off
Deal, Kenneth M	Captain	0-408831	TDY - U.S.A.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Werner, Walter B	Captain	0-450125	C.O.
Palmer, Randolph M.	1st Lt	0-1030400	Assault Gun Platoon
Ash, Roger F	1st Lt	0-1018846	Mortar Pltn (Engr & Security Pltn)
Harper, Wesley W	1st Lt	0-1012655	Res Pltn & Asst S-3 for Air & Commo Off

"A" COMPANY

Butts, Joel B	Captain	0-378925	TDY - U.S.A.
Hassold, Ernest J	1st Lt	0-1014605	C.O. by D.P.
Key, Dwight C	1st Lt	0-465776	Pltn Ldr
Hitchcock, Isle R	1st Lt	0-1018002	Pltn Ldr
Duhme, Edwin H	1st Lt	0-1683505	Pltn Ldr
Brdman, William E	2nd Lt	0-2001661	Msgt Off

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"B" COMPANY

Gaylord, Carl W	1st Lt	0-2056090	C.O.
Hutchings, John M. Jr.	1st Lt	0-441955	Pltn Ldr
Page, Charles D	1st Lt	0-1691803	Pltn Ldr
Oglesby, Douglas R	1st Lt	0-1017310	Pltn Ldr
Humphries, Harvey C	1st Lt	0-1012444	Maint Off
Spencer, Robert W	1st Lt	0-1015926	DS with 1st AD Spec Sv

"C" COMPANY

Clay, Frank B	Captain	0-24937	C.O.
Lienemann, Alfred A. Jr.	1st Lt	0-1016087	Pltn Ldr
Thompson, Milton H	1st Lt	0-1691777	Pltn Ldr
Deavern, Arvin S., Jr.	1st Lt	0-1011049	Pltn Ldr
Boren, James R	1st Lt	0-1012348	Maint Off

"D" COMPANY

Weinberg, Milton	Captain	0-1012680	C.O.
Magee, Victor T	1st Lt	0-1016041	Pltn Ldr
Johnson, Robert A	1st Lt	0-456142	Pltn Ldr
Devine, John J	2nd Lt	0-1018864	Pltn Ldr
Schermerhorn, Herschel A	1st Lt	0-1013978	Maint Off

SERVICE COMPANY

Mollozzi, Pasquale J	Captain	0-317306	C.O.
Boyd, William A	1st Lt	0-1012601	Ba Maint Off
Converse, Luther L	1st Lt	0-1016216	Trains and Supply
Ellis, Charles W.	2nd Lt	0-557214	Co Maint Off
Ooar, Harold W	WO JG	W-2130907	Personnel Off
Byrae, Charles J	WO JG	W-2130934	Asst S-4
Good, William D.	WO JG	W-2122818	TDY - U.S.A.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Williams, David S., Jr.	Captain	0-480703	Ba Surgeon
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HEADQUARTERS THIRTIENETH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ArmyOFFICER GAINS
During Period 1 - 30 April 45

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>ASGD TO</u>
Ash, Roger F	O-1018846	1st Lt	Replacement Depot	Co "C"
Coar, Harold W	W-2130907	WO JG	Newly Aptd WO	Service Co
Byrne, Charles J	W-2130934	WO JG	Newly Aptd WO	Service Co

OFFICER LOSSES
During Period 1 - 30 April 45

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASGMT HELD</u>	<u>TO</u>
Cantley, Roger H	O-1999210	2nd Lt	Pltn Ldr "C" Co	SHA - Hoop
Sammartino, Sylvester A.	O-1691752	1st Lt	Asst Bn Surgeon	Rotation
Jacobs, Edward L, Jr	O-1015936	1st Lt	Pltn Ldr HQ Co	Trfd to Prov Armd Bngr Assault Co 1 AD
Beaty, Don E	O-1691724	1st Lt	Pltn Ldr "D" Co	Rotation
Huber, John M	O-1012323	1st Lt	Pltn Ldr "D" Co	Trfd to Prov Armd Bngr Assault Co 1 AD
Catron, Walter L	O-363990	Captain	Bn Maint Officer	Rotation

OFFICERS PROMOTIONS
During Period 1 - 30 April 45

None.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army*CHANGES IN OFFICER ASSIGNMENT
During month of Apr. 1945.

NAME	SER NO	RANK	CHANGE	DATE
Deavers, Arvis S., Jr	0-1011049	1st Lt	Aptd Bn Range Officer	2 April
Lee, Robert J.	0-1176706	1st Lt	Field as Asst S-3 for Air and Commo Officer	3 April
Harper, Wesley W	0-1012655	1st Lt	Aptd Asst S-3 for Air & Commo Off	3 April
Boyd, William A	0-1012601	1st Lt	Aptd Bn Maint Officer	3 April
Coar, Harold W	W-2130907	WO JG	Aptd Personnel Officer	22 April
Byrne, Charles J	W-2130934	WO JG	Aptd Asst S-4	22 April
Deavers, Arvis S., Jr	0-1011049	1st Lt	Trfd fr HQ Co to Co "C"	25 April
Ash, Roger F	0-1018846	1st Lt	Trfd fr Co "C" to HQ Co	25 April

* Exclusive of duty changes within Companies

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SECTION IV - CASUALTIES

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTIETH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ArmyBattle Casualty Report
For Period 1 - 30 April 1945.

NAME	RANK	SER NO.	TYPE	DATE	ORGANIZATION
Ehlers, Adolph W	Cpl	39557604	LWA	15 Apr	Hqs Company
Cantley, Roger H.	2nd Lt	0-1999210	SWA	20 Apr	"C" Company
Knepp, Michael Jr.	Sgt	32026977	LWA	20 Apr	"C" Company
Grimes, Claude F.	Tec 4	37509876	LWA	20 Apr	"C" Company
Ross, Francis J	Pfc	32677256	LWA	20 Apr	"C" Company
Gibson, Keith M	Pvt	12198266	LWA	20 Apr	"C" Company
Morris, James W	Cpl	35681573	KIA	20 Apr	"C" Company
Swafford, Casto A	Pfc	34493973	KIA	20 Apr	"C" Company
Scott, John R	S/Sgt	15047103	LIA	21 Apr	"D" Company
Scheidt, Charles E	Pfc	32067767	LWA	22 Apr	Med Detachment
Lieberstein, Joseph H	Capt	0-495905	LWA	22 Apr	Med Detachment
Maryard, Edward W	Sgt	6390414	LWA	21 Apr	"A" Company
Fletcher, John P	S/Sgt	32005072	LWA	22 Apr (Not Hosp)	Med Det
Lofe, Frank G	Pfc	13058021	LWA	21 Apr (Not Hosp)	"A" Co
Sprogis, Glean I	Tec 5	39301624	LWA	22 Apr (Not Hosp)	"G" Co
Clay, Frank B	Capt	0-24937	LWA	22 Apr (Not Hosp)	"G" Co

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

Listed below are the decorations and awards received by members of
this organization for the period 1 Apr 45, through 30 Apr 45.

SILVER STARS

1st Lt Ernest J. Hassold 0-1014605 GO #32, Hqs 1st AD cs (Co "A")

BRONZE STARS

Capt Frank B. Clay 0-24937 GO #32, Hqs 1st AD cs (Co "C")
Sgt Jessie W. Shelton 33120114 GO #32, Hqs 1st AD cs (Co "C")

PURPLE HEARTS

Opl Adolph W. Ehlers 39557604 GO #38, Hqs 70th GH (Hq Co)
Pvt Keith M. Gibson 12198266 GO #18, Hqs 15th EV H (Co "C")
Sgt Edward W. Maynard 6390414 GO #22, Hq 170th EV H (Co "A")
Tec 4 Claude F. Grimes 37509876 GO #22, Hq 170th EV H (Co "C")

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

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7 June 1945.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF ACTIVITIES.

TO : Adjutant General, 1st Armored Division.

1. Report called for in Paragraph 4, Headquarters 1st A.D., A.G. 514.7, subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, dated 6 November, 1945 and Section II, Bulletin #6, dated 30 November 1945 and Section #1, Bulletin #6, 11 January is hereby submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert J. Lee
ROBERT J. LEE,
1st Lt., 18th Tk. Bn.,
Adjutant

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Report of Activities.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
1 MAY 1945 THRU 31 MAY 1945

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SECTION I - ACTIVITIES

HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
A.P.O. 281, W. S. Army.

MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

(1 May - 31 May)

On the 1 May, 1945 the Battalion (-"U" Company) was located at Areore, Italy and continuing with it's mission of guarding and escorting prisoners of war.

At 0800 hours, on the same day, Colonel Gardiner was ordered to receive the surrender of a German Corps Headquarters and troops. The result of which amounted to approximately 800 P.W.'s and 300 vehicles being taken. To facilitate this surrender, one platoon of the 11th AIB was attached. Upon completion of disarming the prisoners, they were evacuated to a collecting point near Brescia. The platoon of infantry from the 11th AIB assisted elements of the Battalion in the evacuation.

Orders were received at 1830 hours, 1 May, 1945, that the Battalion was relieved of it's escort mission and to assemble vicinity E-017338. This was accomplished at 1930 hours the same day. "U" Company was relieved of it's mission in Milan and reverted to Battalion control at 1800 hours but had not joined.

When the Battalion completed assembling, the mission to establish a bridgehead across the Ticino River, vicinity Voghera (J-9949) was received from Division Reserve Command. This was to be accomplished with the view of moving the Battalion across the river and proceeding to Castelrosso (J-250410). "D" Company was dispatched at 1900 hours to establish the bridgehead and reported mission accomplished at 2130 hours, 1 May, 1945.

With the bridgehead established, the balance of the Battalion (- "U" Company) moved out at 2130 hours to join "D" Company. At 2230 hours the Battalion joined "D" Company and proceeded on mission.

"U" Company had not fully assembled by the time the Battalion moved, so it was left in the assembly area with orders to join as soon as possible.

The move from the bridgehead was uneventful except for a blown bridge which was encountered at (J-724380). After a short reconnaissance, by elements of "D" Company, another bridge was found approximately 500 yards to the south. The Battalion was re-routed and proceeded on it's mission.

At 0710 hours, 2 May, 1945 the Battalion reached Aigliano (J-614483) at which point our mission was cancelled due to a possible surrender of the German forces. Verification of the complete German surrender in Italy was received at 1920 hours, 2 May, 1945, at which time all hostilities ceased.

With the surrender having taken place the Battalion was ordered to assemble vicinity Villanova (J-670342) which was accomplished at 1930 hours. Two M-4 P.O. tanks and one half-track from the 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion reverted to parent control at the same time.

On the 3 May, 1945, "U" Company, which was left at E-017652 to regroup, joined the Battalion in Villanova at 1350 hours.

The entire day, 3 May, 1945, was devoted to rehabilitation of personnel and equipment.

The following day, 4 May, 1945, it was decided the present assembly area was unsatisfactory and a reconnaissance for a new area was initiated. "D" Company was attached to the 91st Cavalry Bn. Sqdn. (Mcs.) at 1300 hours with orders to proceed to Turin and help maintain order and control within the city.

During the 4 May the balance of the Battalion continued it's maintenance and rehabilitation program.

On the 5th of May a more suitable bivouac area was located vicinity Trino (J-827887). The Battalion commenced to move there at 0900 hours, and closed at 1100 hours. The balance of the day was spent in setting up camp.

The 6th of May brought orders from G-3 to send 3 half-tracks and 2 peeps with 26 enlisted men and 2 officers to CC"B" where they will be used for P.W. evacuation detail. The Battalion performed maintenance the entire day.

Through the 6th of May through the 10th May the Battalion performed maintenance and training.

A memorial and thanksgiving service was held in the Trino theatre on the 10th of May. Chaplain Uhler and Colonel Gardiner conducted the ceremony.

11th of May was devoted to training.

On the 12th of May the Battalion was detached from the Division Reserve Command and reverted to Division control at 0900 hours. All personnel attended a War Department "Must" film "Two Down and One To Go."

During the 13th of May orders were received to initiate reconnaissance and prepare for a move to ALICE CASTELLO (J-370680).

On the 14th of May the move to Alice Castello was cancelled so the Battalion devoted the day to unpacking and setting up camp.

The 15th and 16th of May were devoted primarily to maintenance and training. A guard detail was dispatched on the 15th to guard an Italian ammunition dump vicinity J-356615. "B" Company was detached from the 91st Cav. Bn. Sqdn. (Mees.) on the 16th and reverted to Battalion control.

On the 17th of May a complete showdown inspection of personnel, personal equipment, vehicles and quarters was conducted by CC"A". The Battalion was rated excellent on the inspection.

At 0900 hours on the 18th May the Battalion, less necessary guard, departed for the Division Rest Camp in Turin. The Battalion remained there in a complete rest status until the 22 May at which time the Battalion returned to Trino, closing at 1315 hours.

Colonel Gardiner received orders on the 21st May to report to Division Headquarters with complete equipment and decorations. It was learned, a few days later, that he had been chosen by the Army Commander to accompany General Clark and a group of men to Chicago where they would participate in a War Bond Drive. Upon completion of the drive he was to be discharged from the service, publicly.

Upon Colonel Gardiner's departure, Major Elliott assumed command of the Battalion, and Major Crittenden assumed the duties of Executive Officer.

The 23rd of May found the Battalion with the mission of relieving the 91st Cav. Bn. Sqdn. (Mees.) and assuming control of the Italian-Swiss border. Our mission was to close and guard the Italian-Swiss border in assigned sector and to evacuate prisoners of war and Republican soldiers.

The relief order was received verbally at 1100 hours and the Battalion moved from Trino at 1600 hours for Varese. Company Commanders, with the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer, preceded the Battalion and made the necessary reconnaissance to effect the relief.

The relief commenced at 2350 hours, 23rd May. By 1550 hours, 24 May all elements of the 91st Cav. Bn. Sqdn. (Mees.) were relieved.

From the 24th of May to the 28th May, 1945 was spent in accomplishing mission given and consolidating outposts along the border.

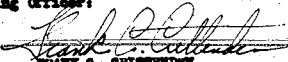
Word was received on the 28th of May that we could expect a reconnaissance party from the 6th S.A.A.D. on the 29th May with the view of a relief by that unit.

Reconnaissance party from the 6th S.A.A.D. Imperial Light Horse Km. Regiment arrived on the 29th May and the necessary information pertinent to the relief was given them.

The 30th of May was uneventful except for the normal evacuation of prisoners and Fascists.

On the 31 May, 1948 relieving companies from the Imperial Light Horse Km. Regiment arrived at "A", "B", "C", "D", and Headquarters Company, C.P.s. at approximately 1030 hours and commenced the relief. At the close of the month the relief was progressing very well and the elements relieved were assembling in preparation for a move to Palasso (J-2870).

For the Commanding Officer:



FRANK C. CRITTENDEN,
Major, 15th Tank Bn.,
Executive Officer.

SECTION II - OPERATIONS

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15TH TANK BATTALION

SECRET
 By Auth: CO 15th Tk Bn
 Initials: _____
 Date: 1 May 1945

DATE: 1 May 1945
 PLACE: Vic. Aroore, Italy (L-366816)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0131	Have you people from 11th Inf. attached to you not already committed with "C"/13? Reply at once.	Col Howse	8-3/15
0136	No.	8-3/15	Col Howse
0152	11th Inf. less platoon reporting to you at 0715B being removed forward from present position. "B"/15 reverts to your command at 0150B.	Col Howse	8-3/15
0853	At 0815B air C.P. reports 30 enemy vehicles heading NE South of highway 11 and east of-Tieno rivers; column stopped small arms fire along road. Cub will keep watch.	Col Howse	8-3/15
1000	Alert "B"/15 for immediate move.	8-3/15	"B"/15
1340	Send a gas truck to meet Col Gardiner at junction of highway 36 and Autostrada. Also find out whether or not there is a P.W. Cage closer than Briosoa. If you do not hear from me within half an hour, assemble "B"/15.	8-3/15	Serv/15
1455	Move Bn immediately piece-meal if necessary to vicinity Bagenta (0600). Move via highway 36 to Autostrada to Bagenta. If Autostrada is crowded move to highway 11 and use it. Major Earl, G-3, has gone to Milano to pick up "C"/13 and move them to Autostrada-they will be near road there. LQ/13 has gone to intercept CO/13 with P.W.'s and take the elements of 13th from that column. They will meet us near junction of highway 36 and Autostrada. 27th F.A. will follow us.	Col Johnson	8-3/15
1550	C.P. closed 1550B at L-366816.	8-3/15	Col Howse
1600	We are moving out.	8-3/15	"A" & "D" 13th
1610	All T.D. personnel report immediately to Hq. rear echelon Regonaga P-526053 for shipment. To arrive there 0900B 4 May.	A.G. 7th Replacement Depot	8-3/15
1730	Our C.O. is not clear on what to do with P.W.'s. Request instructions.	8-3/15	Col Howse
1850	P.W.'s proceed to P.W. Cage under escort infantry plt only.	Col Howse	8-3/15
1900	Opened C.P. at 1900B at L-017659.	8-3/15	Col Howse

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DATE: 1 May 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. Areore, Italy (L-356816)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1902	I have sent elements of 81st. Ron ahead so you will only have to use only local security. I will be down later with instructions. The bulk of your unit will remain in position tonight.	Col Howze	8-3/15
1920	This C.P. moving to K-025580.	Col Howze	8-3/15
1925	Alert your unit for immediate move.	8-3/15	"D"/15
1940	"A"/15 less one plt is still out. "B"/15 still out. "C"/15 one plt only. "D"/15 is in and going out.	8-3/15	Col Howze
1940	"A"/15 (less 1st Plt) closed 1915B at K-013659. 7 tks out.	"A"/15	8-3/15
1940	"D"/15 will establish bridgehead and should move out shortly.	Col Howze	8-3/15
1940	"B"/15 closed vic K-012859 at 1900B.	"B"/15	8-3/15
1940	"C"/15 less 2 plts closed K-011689 at 1800B.	"C"/15	8-3/15
2027	1st plt "A"/15 has reported back to unit less 1 vehicle which shall join us later.	"A"/15	8-3/15
2110	Col Johnson is taking proper size unit from 11th Inf. down south to join "D"/15. The combined outfit will not start till we have the word to start. Let CO "A" know when we start.	Col Howze	8-3/15
2120	"D"/15 went into position at 2120B.	"D"/15	8-3/15
2122	Our P.O. fell out along the road. He had maintenance trouble but he is trying to make it back where he started from. We also left some dosers in the area we came from. Do you want Ron to come back?	"D"/15	8-3/15
2130	Ron is to stay there.	8-3/15	"D"/15
2137	We are authorized to use black out lights in main column tonight.	Col Howze	8-3/15
2150	Are you coming down the main road on your way to join leading elements.	11th Inf.	8-3/15
2153	Will elements of 27th F.A. be following you out?	11th Inf.	8-3/15
2155	We will use main road and 27th F.A. will follow us.	8-3/15	11th Inf.

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DATE: 2 May 1946
PLACE: Vic. Villanova, Italy (J-870382)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0220	Plan to regas at Seia river or at daylight, whichever is later.	Col Howze	S-3/13
0301	Have encountered blown bridge at J-724880. About 50 ft is blown. (Sent to Col Howze).	"D"/13	S-3/13
0305	Col Gardiner and Maj. Crittenberger are on their way to see you.	S-3/13	"D"/13
0321	Leader of your 1st plt is here and thinks he has found a bridge. Send a Recon peep so he can investigate.	S-3/13	"D"/13
0325	Bridge at J-724880 is blown. Patrol searching to use other crossing.	Col Howze	S-3/13
0353	We have located by-pass for blown bridge about 800 yds south of bridge. It will take light traffic, but are doubtful about heavy.	S-3/13	Col Howze
0420	We were successful in by-passing bridge. Also heavy vehicles.	CQ/13	Col Howze
0450	Reported that 2 of "B"/13's tanks fell out of column.	"B"/13	S-3/13
0450	One of those tanks was out of gas and the other needed maintenance.	"B"/13	S-3/13
0500	We need gas. Inform higher Hq's to send it right up.	S-3/13	Col Howze
0636	On arrival in new area, unit will laeger with all round protection. 13th Tk Bn will be furthest to the West.	Col Howze	S-3/13
0700	C.P. closed at 0705B at J-817465.	S-3/13	Col Howze
1046	Class III Dump located at J-999860.	Col Howze	S-3/13
1110	Ambulance loading point located at Vercelli.	Col Howze	All Units
1110	Class III Dump located Vercelli J-834623 opens 1400B 2 May.	Col Howze	S-3/13
1315	C.P. 1/AD opened at J-830623 at 0930B.	Col Howze	S-3/13
1350	Div. P.W. Cage now open at J-998880. Gas dump located K-590876 will move forward today-permission granted for attached units to draw gas.	C.O. 1/AD	S-3/13
1708	Send a messenger down to this Hq. at once.	Col Howze	S-3/13
1815	C.P. closed 1815B at J-870382.	S-3/13	Col Howze

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DATE: 2 May 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. Villanova, Italy (J-668364)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1920	Capt. Merrill, Bn. S-2, passed on info that EBC announced the war in Italy was announced as ended for all remaining German remnants in Italy. Official time of surrender in Italy as of 1200H, 2 May 1945.	S-2/13	S-2/13
1930	New C.P. opened at J-668364 at 1925H.	S-2/13	Col Howze
1950	Request location of P.W. Cage.	S-2/13	Col Howze
1952	"D"/13 closed in at J-671363 at 1900H.	"D"/13	S-2/13
2005	"B"/13 closed in at J-662346 at 1945H/.	"B"/13	S-2/13
2008	Div. P.W. Cage now at Verocelli J-68352 in old Fascist school.	Col Howze	S-2/13
2035	Serv/13 closed in at J-667356 at 1900H.	Serv/13	S-2/13
2045	"A"/13 closed in at J-664364 at 1935H.	OO "A"/13	S-2/13
2120	"A" Co. 47th Medical Bn and "B" Co. 125 Ord. Bn now located in Novara.	Col Howze	S-2/13
2140	All commands will immediately assure themselves that there is necessary guard and patrol in their area to prevent elaboration for disorderly conduct.	Col Howze	S-2/13 & 11th Inf.
DATE: 3 May 1945 PLACE: Vic. Villanova, Italy (J-668364)			
1030	Send 7 trucks to Train Hq. F-625032. Trucks are to leave as soon as possible. (Sent to Serv/13)	Col Howze	S-2/13
1125	Water Point location J-632528. (Sent to All Co's. and S-4/13)	Col Howze	S-2/13
1200	Sand-bags will be removed from all vehicles.	S-2/13	All Co's/13
1310	Submit immediately bi-monthly report for period 16th April to 30 April 1945.	Col Howze	CO/13
1445	Give me the location of all "O"/13 tanks inoperative outside the Bn area. This is for the purpose of getting ordnance to pick them up on transporters. Send a mechanic to investigate the shower motor in the Bn C.P. building.	Ex. Co.	S-2/13
1525	All companies will be searched at once for musical instruments acquired since arriving in this town and same turned into Bn C.P. so they can be returned to the rightful owner.	Ex. Co.	All Co's/13

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DATE: 3 May 1945 (cont.)

PLACE: Vio. Villanova, Italy (J-688364)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1620	All personnel will be present in their unit area by 2200B daily. Units will check their areas and if any person is missing, the town of Villanova will be policed by a patrol in charge of an N.C.O. to locate the missing absentees. A person will wear arms (including bayonets) unless on guard or performing other duties requiring arms. All arms worn otherwise will be confiscated. No person or vehicle will leave the Bn area without approval of this Hq's. This includes foraging details from company messes.	Rt. Co. 13th	All Co's/13
1710	Effective immediately all captured vehicles will be turned in to nearest element of 123 Ordnance Bn. Bn. Commanders and Colonels may temporarily retain (1) one passenger vehicle for their transportation.	G-4 1/AD	S-3/13
1710	Water point now open at J-608530. "B" Co. 47th Med. Bn. now open at S-647504 at 1316B. "C" Co. 47th Med. Bn. opens at J-647504 at 1400B, 3 May 1945.	G-4 1/AD	S-3/13
1720	"C"/13 moved from K-017659. Closed via J-666361 at 1350B.	"C"/13	S-3/13
1955	C.O. will report to 1/AD at 2015B.	Col Howze	00/13
2020	There will be a meeting of all Bn C.O.'s at J-6342 at 2015B.	1/AD	S-3/13
2205	Repair point now open at J-655421.	Col Howze	S-3/13
DATE: 4 May 1945			
PLAC: Vio. Villanova, Italy (668364)			
1040	Alert "B"/13 for a move at 1300B to Turin to be attached to Lt. Col. Bruss. Corps has ordered two tank Co's assigned and an infantry Co. for police work. Co's concerned: "B"/13 and "B"/11th Inf. Lt. Bold of the 4th is the C.O. of the group. Kitchen to go plus 3/4 ton truck.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
1050	O.I. #3 Hq's Div, Reserve Command received 1240B.	NOTE	
1240	Arms in excess of basic load may be turned in at dump at F-050635.	Col Johnson	S-3/13
1245	Same as above.	S-3/13	S-3/13
1245	There will be no restriction on the use of lights in the Division area.	C.G. 1/AD	S-3/13
1415	Reference ltr Hq 8th Army File AG 4302. Subject: Return of winter clothing to Army stock dumps dated 8 March. Command Winter clothing and equipment directed to be turned in thereby will be retained by units until further notice.	Div. Ass.	00/13

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DATE: 4 May 1948

PLACE: Vic. Villanova, Italy (J-688584)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGS</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1419	You may move your Bn to Trino J-5238, let me know when your Bn proposes to move and give route.	Col Howze	8-3/15
1650	The 15th Tr Bn (-B Co.) will move to Trino J-528387 at 0900B, 5 May 1948. All companies will have a billeting representative at Bn Hq at 0800B. TR-CR J-648588. Route of March: TP, highway 51 to Trino. Order of March: Hq. Co, "A" Co, "G" Co, "D" Co, and Service Co/15.	8-3/15	All Co's. 15th & Div. Reserve Comd.
1656	Div. Class 3 dump at J-680523, CMA closed, 1/AD Units may draw gas from Army Class 3 dump 06-40 at L-653118.	Div. Res. Command	CG/15
2002	An eight head shower located at J-648505.	Div. Res. Command	CG/15
2115	Water point at J-653421 closed, water point at J-604855 now open.	C.G. 1/AD	CG/15

DATE: 5 May 1948

PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J-527387)

0800	2 officers with peeps and drivers to report to C.G. of "A"/14th AIB w/c of St. Rumbino J-2262 by 1000B tomorrow. They will be attached to CG "B" to act as convoy escorts for evacuation of P.O.W. to Piacenza. Have road maps of 7 & 8 1/200,000 with them.	C.G. 1/AD	8-3/15
0845	C.P. closed 0845B at J-688584.	8-3/15	Col Howze
0950	C.P. opened C.P. vic J-527387 at 0950B.	8-3/15	Col Howze
1050	"A"/15 opened C.P. vic J-528380 at 1010B.	"A"/15	8-3/15
1250	Closed in bivouac at 1100B. Location J-528387.	CG Serv/15	8-3/15
1509	Units will submit immediately to this Hq. a report of the number of truck-loads of baggage now stored in Div. warehouse in Prato.	Col Howze	8-3/15
1515	This unit has 15 truck-loads of baggage in Prato warehouse.	8-3/15	Div Reserve Command
2120	One wrecker with crew will report to a G-3 representative in open field across from Div. Hq. Detail will report by 1100B 8 May. Wrecker will accompany convoy of 30 H/T. Crew to take full field equipment. (Above sent to CG Serv/15)	C.G. 1/AD	8-3/15

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1015	3 H/T each with 8 men & 1 day ration, bedding roll and officers in two peeps. Maps: 1/200,000 7 & 8. Detail to leave as soon as possible to meet CG "B" representative at junction Autostrada and Route 11 (Next Junction Gligiano)	Div Reserve Command	8-3/15
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DATE: 6 May 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J-527387)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1035	All U.S. ammo being returned to dump must be turned in to ASP 04-42 at Verona. ASP moving to Hq's 123 Ord. Bn at Novarra opens 1400B at J-8064.	Div. Res. Command	S-3/13
1040	Same as above.	S-3/13	S-4/13
1200	Water point now open at J-525390.	S-3/13	S-4/13
1608	Pass: Men permitted to visit all communities, including Turin in proper uniform except Milan and Como.	Div. Res. Command	09/13
1625	S-4/13 will dispatch a truck to each Co. at 0800B 7 May to transport men on pass to Turin. One officer will accompany each truck. Clean O.D. uniform, G.D. jacket, no arms will be worn. Trucks will be clear of Turin prior to 2200B. Proper passes will be in possession of every man. Officers Club will open this evening (6 May). It is located West of town, is the last house on the left of the main road leading to Turin. It is marked with a sign. The place is ideal for reading, card playing, and relaxing. (A piano and small stock of liquor is available).	Ex. Co. Command	All Co's/13 15th

DATE: 7 May 1945
PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J-527387)

1500	A suitable vehicle washing site is located at J-550337. Starting today all wheeled vehicles and half-trucks will be washed. This Hq. will notify Co's. when tanks will be permitted to use washing site.	S-3/13	All Co's/13
1740	Effective 100200B D-6 net frequency will be 2705 KG and D-12 net frequency will be 2575 KG.	Div. Reserve Command	S-3/13
1800	There will be no pass trucks until further notice.	Ex. Co. Command	All Co's/13 15th
2000	Request name of one officer to attend an I & E school in Rome. School to be possibly 5 days duration. Prefer an officer with teaching experience. Also names of two Captains or lieutenants for rotation, with at least 30 months overseas.	G-1 1/AD	S-3/13

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1230	Tank traffic will not travel on main (numbered highways) without authorization of this Hq's. All tanks will use secondary roads and in so doing will avoid paved roads insofar as possible. The use of tire chains on paved roads is prohibited.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
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DATE: 8 May 1945 (cont.)
PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J-527587)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1230	Same as above.	S-3/13	All Co's 13th
1430	Pick up shower unit at Bq 16th Engineer Bn at J-630532 in morning. Send Cmd - report to Capt. Harper. (Phoned to Lt. Converse).	16th Engr.	S-3/13

DATE: 9 May 1945
PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J-527587)

0800	S-3 Vehicle Status and Personnel forms will be made up to reach this office by 1800B daily.	S-3/13	All Co's. 13th
1000	Chaplain Uhler of CC"A" stated the War Department has ordered the battalion to be assembled and a program of Thanksgiving be held. The program is to be non-sectarian. It is desired that a few words of thanks be said by the commanding officer followed by a scripture reading and a prayer. We can plan on the Chaplain to render the prayer. Someone from the staff should read the scripture. The program is to commence at 1100B tomorrow to last approximately 20 minutes to 1/2 hour. Chaplain Uhler will arrive here tomorrow at approximately 0900B to complete arrangements. General's message will be read also.	Chaplain Uhler	S-3/13
1800	There will be a battalion formation in the local theatre tomorrow 10 May for the purpose of a Memorial and Bank Thanksgiving program. Uniform: G.D.'s with overseas cap. Companies will be seated in theatre by 1045B.	S-3/13	All Co's/13

DATE: 10 May 1945
PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J-527587)

0900	Brigadier General Daniels visited C.P.	NOTE	
1545	The band is playing dance engagements at night and we want to give them as much rest as possible. Can you pick them up at 0900B instead of 0800B on 17th and 26th May? (Yes)	Special Service	S-3/13

DATE: 11 May 1945
PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J-527587)

1030	We have a film "2 Down and 1 to Go". It is a must film. It takes priority over all activities of your unit with the exception of movements. There is a letter coming down on this, this evening, and I'm giving you this as a fore-runner of what's coming down. In addition, you will keep a roster of all people that attend film and those that do not. This roster will be submitted to us by 1800B on the evening the picture is shown. You are to pick up the film at 1/AD I&A office at 1340B tomorrow. You will return the film to us immediately upon showing the picture. You are scheduled at 1500B and 1800B so you can have a showing in two groups at your local theatre.	I&A 1/AD	S-3/13
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1700	There will be no pass trucks available tomorrow because we are turning in ammunition.	Lt. Con- verse	S-3/13
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DATE: 11 May 1945

FLAG: Vis. Trino, Italy (J-527387)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1705	G-3 wants your Bu history this evening.	Sgt. Mahoon 1/AD	G-3/15
1750	Are Lt. Col. Gardiner, Major Elliott, or Major Crittenden interested in being considered for the regular army? (Lt. Col. Gardiner - No; Maj. Elliott, unable to contact; Major Crittenden, will have him call you on his return this evening.	G-1 1/AD	G-3/15

DATE: 12 May 1945

FLAG: Vis. Trino, Italy (J-527387)

0800	15th Tk Bn (-B Co) detached 1/AD Reserve Command and reverts to Div. control effective 120900B May 1945;	O1/17 1/AD	G-3/15																		
0830	Confidential. Following message from Fifth Army is forwarded for your immediate compliance. "Consumption of gasoline and oil in the Army area in the last few days has reached alarming proportions. All commanders will take immediate steps on receipt of this message to freeze in motor parks all transportation not vital to the supply and administration of the unit. Further instructions will follow by letter. (1115188)	G-4/1 AD	G-3/15																		
1100	There will be a must film shown at 1600B this afternoon. No personnel will leave Co areas this afternoon. Instructions are forthcoming.		G-3/15 All Co's.																		
1110	Billeting party to meet Capt. Wilson at 1400B today at road junction Autostrada and Hwy #11, with maps. Sheets: 42 - 45 - 56 and 57 (1:100,000)	G-5 1/AD	G-3/15																		
1430	Water Point now at Water Works at Verselli.		G-3/15 All Co's.																		
1500	Protestant Service tomorrow in schoolhouse at 0900. Chaplain Uhler, 2nd floor Conference room.		G-3/15																		
1600	A Ryan called Col. Gardiner. He is in Caseta and will be for a short time. Will try calling again.		G-3/15																		
1625	Attendance at "Two Down, One to Go":		G-3/15 G-3 to Capt Harwood I&E 1/AD																		
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I have contacted the 91 Bn people and asked them to include E/13 on showing of "Two Down, One to Go" film. There will be another showing of this film some time next week for people that missed it today.

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DATE: 12 May (Cont)
PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J-527387)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2050	Tentative movement date: 14 May. Tentative route: to Verelli then route 11.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
2110	Route - Southern Route (toward Cigliano) instead of Ver- celli. IP - Road junction at J-806809, time at IP - 0800, 14 May, 1945. Order-out tomorrow morning.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13

DATE: 13 May 1945
PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J527387)

0840	The Bn will commence movement at 0730E tomorrow to new area. Distance to be covered, approximately 25 miles.		
0950	You will post your own guides for your movement tomorrow. Maj Grow- You are marching on a route separate from the Division and/ing Provost there will be no need to furnish you with men. This has been Marshall brought up to Capt. Beckett of the G-3 and he said it would be 1/AD alright.	S-3/13	
1340	Changing Bn march route thru Verelli approved. Hit IP at 0800 14 April. Bivouac area near Borgomasino approved.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
2020	Division CP closes J-630523 and opens at J-245527 at 140900B.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
2305	Move of all units to new areas has been cancelled. Reason, Evacuation of 5th Mountain (German) is to commence within 24 hours.	G-3 1/AD	CQ/13

DATE: 14 May 1945
PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J-527387)

1740	We will establish a one post guard on an ammunition dump vicinity Alize J-568620. NCO in charge to report to Mr. Getwood at 2000 for instructions tonite and then proceed to dump.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
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DATE: 15 May 1945
PLACE: Vic Trino, Italy (J-527387)

0845	For inspection Friday Co's will adhere to instructions in T.M. #19, 15 May 1945 with the following exceptions: Co Commanders need not report to G.P. for inspection team. Uniform will be coveralls, tank boots, arms, and helmet liners. Inspection will commence at 0900 hrs. A staff officer from Hq will arrive at each Co at 0900B to accompany Co Commanders on inspection.	S-3/13	All Co's
0900	Uniform for retreat today will be Co's, arms and overseas Caps.	S-3/13	All Co's.
0950	Mr. Getwood called and would like to know details on ammo dump we were called upon to guard.	G-4 1/AD	S-3/13

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DATE: 15 May 1945 (Cont.)
PLACE: Vic Trino, Italy (J-527387)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1045	Inspection by CC"A" scheduled for 1300H is cancelled. CC"A" will take place 17th at 0630H.		S-3/15
1145	Review scheduled for Thursday is cancelled. Review will be held Friday 18 May at 0930H. Place to be announced.	S-3/15	All Co's/15
2150	Screening material for kitchen may be drawn from Hq. Engrs. Supply (J-629551). Requisitions are not required.	C.G. 1/AD	S-3/15
2215	"B"/15 closed in area less 1 tank and T-2.	C.O. "B"/15	S-3/15

DATE: 16 May 1945
PLACE: Vic Trino, Italy (J-527387)

No Entry.

DATE: 17 May 1945
PLACE: Vic Trino, Italy (J-527387)

1225	You are getting a new doctor right away. His name is Rotman.	CC"A"	S-3/15
1345	CC"B" has furnished a guard to replace the man you sent out as ammunition guard. Capt. Beckett, G-3, said that CC"B" has supplied guards and for you to dispatch a vehicle to bring your personnel back.	G-4 1/AD	S-3/15
1515	The review tomorrow is being handled by N.C.O.s who have been instructed by the Sgt. Major. Uniform is changed to helmet liner instead of G.D. cap. All officers will assemble not later than 0925H at the reviewing position on parade ground.	S-3/15	All Co's/15
1930	Film "Two Down and One to Go" can be picked up at 2300H at 2300H tonight and to be returned not later than 0900H tomorrow.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/15

DATE: 18 May 1945
PLACE: Trino, Italy (J-527387)

0920	Road block returned to company area at 0900H.	CQ/Hq/15	S-3/15
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DATE: 19 May 1945
PLACE: Vic Trino, Italy (J-527387)

1000	OI #18, 1/AD received.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/15
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DATE: 20 May 1945
PLACE: Vic Trino, Italy (J-527387)

No Entry.

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DATE: 21 May 1945
PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J-527387)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0850	Lt. Gaylord will report to IV Corps on D.S. for an indefinite period. He will be on duty as manager of a rest hotel.	G-1 1/AD	S-3/15
1550	I flew the Col. to 15th Army Group this morning. He is going home and wants his driver to bring all his equipment to Florence.	Lt. Holden	Ex. 6./15

DATE: 22 May 1945
PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J-527387)

1345	3r/15 closed in area at 1315B (Personnel returning from 4 day rest in Turin).	CO 8r/15	S-3/15
1400	16th Engr. Bn. is conducting Tank Deser School and would like us to furnish for the school either an officer or competent NCO's to instruct on functions of a tank, gunnery, crew drill, etc. The Engrs. will instruct on the operation of a deser. Officer or EM is to report to the above organization at 0900B tomorrow, 23 May.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/15
1346	Can our tank deser personnel on DS to Engrs. return to the company?	CO D/15	CO/15
1346	Request that our tank deser personnel now on DS to 16th Engrs. be released to their parent company.	CO/15	G-3 1/AD
1405	The Engrs. are using the tank desers and your personnel cannot be released. (Relayed to "D"/15)	G-3 1/AD	CO/15

DATE: 23 May 1945
PLACE: Vic. Trino, Italy (J-527387)

0915	16th Engr. deser instructing team will arrive here this afternoon at approx. 1530B to discuss the operation of the school.	16th Engr.	S-3/15
1115	You will take over the mission of the 91st Run Sqdn who are in the vicinity of Varese. They have three troops in line and their sector extends to the SO Bastion. Get Run underway at once to be prepared to take over before dark tonight. Their mission is to close the border.	G-3 1/AD	CO/15
1200	Companies will make an inventory of FM's and TM's, using 5th Army letter, Subject: "Training Publications", as guide. Requisitions for TM's and FM's will reach by 0600B, 25 May, 1945.	Ex. 6./15	All Co's/15
1355	Our Engrs do not have the maps Capt. Merrill called for. We are trying to contact Corps to see if you are able to furnish transportation and deal with them direct. We will call you before 1600B and let you know. Div. M.P.s will route you through Verocelli, pick you up at Novara and ride your column and drop guides wherever you want them.	G-2 1/AD	S-3/15

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DATE: 23 May 1945 (Cont.)
PLACE: Via Trino, Italy (J-527387)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1602	C.P. closed J-527387 at 1602B enroute to Varese.	3-3/13	G-3 1/AD
2348	C.P. opened at Varese (D-8906) at 2348Z. Relief will commence immediately (Relief of 91st Ass Sqdn).	3-3/13	G-3 1/AD

DATE: 24 May 1945
PLACE: Via Varese, Italy (D-8906)

0900	"B"/13 reports relief of "B" troop, 91st Ass Sqdn started at 0900Z, 24 May, and completed at 0600Z, 24 May. C.P. located at Valganna D-998150.	"B"/13	3-3/13
1300	"C"/13 reports relief of "C" troop, 91st Ass Sqdn started at 0150Z, 24 May and completed at 1245Z, 24 May. C.P. located at Como, B-1803.	"C"/13	3-3/13

1330	"D"/13 closed in Varese at 0100Z, 24 May. 2nd plt of "D"/13 is attached to "E"/13 and completed relief with "B" Co. at 0600Z, 24 May. Tank driver plt of "D"/13 remained to march with Sv/13. C.P. of "D"/13 located in Varese, D-886005.	"D"/13	3-3/13
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1645	"A"/13 reports relief of "A" troop, 91st Ass Sqdn started at 1200Z, 24 May and completed at 1630Z, 24 May. C.P. located at Intra, D-790190.	"A"/13	3-3/13
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1800	Called division that relief of the 91st Ass Sqdn had been completed at 1830Z and received word that the 91st F.A. would relieve the HDLI in the Como area and would assume responsibility of our road blocks in the Comune di Como. Also, we were instructed to set a guard on a motor torpedo factory at Sesto Calende (D-8496).	3-3/13	G-3 1/AD
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1700	Called G-2 section of IV Corps for information regarding retention of guard on diplomats at Bellagio and Fascists at Cadenabbia.	3-3/13	G-2 IV Corps
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1715	Sv/13 closed in Varese at 1715Z. C.P. in Varese. Left Trino at 1215Z.	00 Sv/13	3-3/13
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1715	G-2 section, IV Corps called that guard must be maintained at Bellagio and Cadenabbia.	G-2 IV Corps	3-3/13
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2030	3 tanks from the assault gun plt with 10 men left from Hq./13 at 1945Z and closed at Sesto Calende at 2000Z to guard motor boat torpedo factory.	GQ/Hq/13	3-3/13
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DATE: 25 May 1946
PLACE: Vic Varese, Italy (D-9906)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1140	The 3 peeps you are expecting from Div, have been detailed from 81st Bn and are expected to arrive sometime today.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
1745	Sv/13 moved from present position to Villa Kandletti closed at 1745B, (St. No. 8 Via Solfaino).	CO Sv/13	S-3/13
1845	C/P. "B"/13 moved from D-9916 at 1400B to vic. Ponte Tresa E-052139, closed at 1430B.	CO "B"/13	S-3/13
1900	Lt. Rosenberger, IV Corps, is making a tour of the Bn road blocks. He will start with "C"/13, go to "B"/13, and finish with "A"/13.	IV Corps	S-3/13
2100	Information from Capt. Bellamy, AMG Regional Police officer states that a band of partisans from Milan are enroute to Albigate (J-8695) to illegally place on trial certain Italian civilians who they believe are Fascists. 3 tanks from "D"/13 under command of Capt. Weinberg will go to Albigate and quell any disorder. Tanks left Varese at 2115B, reached Albigate at 2230B, returned to Varese at 0030B, 26 May. No disorder encountered.	S-3/13	S-2/13

DATE: 26 May 1946
PLACE: Vic. Varese, Italy (D-9906)

0900	"C"/13 outposts at Monte Chiasso (B-1604), Ponte Chiasso (E-1405), relieved by 81st A.P.A. Bn. Relief commenced at 2215B, 25 May and completed at 1300B, 26 May.	CO "C"/13	S-3/13
1200	All tanks will be assembled in Co. G.P.'s. All officers will remain at Company C.P.'s and every day an inspection of all Company outposts will be made by a Co. Officer.	CO/13	S-3/13
1215	Brig. General Daniel visited C.P. at 1200B.		NOTE
1450	C.P. 1/AD opened at Biella at J-365815 at 0900B.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
2045	The I & E and S sections are combed. We want Lt. McGee up here. He worked with us last April and we think a lot of him. There is a possibility of a promotion. When can we expect him. (You can expect him Wednesday.)	Asst. G-3	CO/13

DATE: 27 May 1946
PLACE: Vic. Varese, Italy (D-9906)

1145	2nd plt. "D"/13 relieved from "B"/13. Relief commenced at 0900B and completed 1130B, 27 May.	CO "B"/13	S-3/13
1720	Effective Monday 28 May we will be issued daily by Div. OM between hrs of 0830B and 1000B at #21 Corso Regina Margherita, Biella.	S-4/13	S-3/13

DATE: 27 May 1945 (Cont.)
PLACE: Vio. Varese, Italy (D-9906)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1720	"B"/123 Ordnance Bn now located at J-375808.	S-4/13	S-3/13
1930	"D"/13 closed in C.P. at 2000B at D-786198.	"D"/13	S-3/13

DATE: 28 May 1945
PLACE: Vio. Varese, Italy (D-9906)

0810	Instructions received to evacuate all P.W.'s to Modena.	I Q/13	S-3/13
0815	18 men and 1 M.C.C. to report to AMG Hq's at 0900B to act as M.P.'s in patrolling roads from Varese to Milan to pick up any enemy vehicles that the Italians may have in their possession illegally.	S-2/13	S-3/13
1150	Outposts at Pissano (D-506421) and Mezzasca (D-545425) CO "A"/13 have been set up. 4 men at each post.	"A"/13	S-3/13
1223	12 miles S of Varese on the Autostrada. I was driving H Capt. Lip- and was fired on by a group of approximately 80 Partis- ans. I stopped and was informed by them that they had Fascist activity in that section. The reason they fired on me was because they thought I was a Fascist. I was driving in a jeep at 0800B this morning.	insky S1 Ron	S-3/13
1530	Additional outposts at Crurenasio (900240), S. Maffeo (066061), Glivio (078093), and Stabio (045060) have been set up.	CO "B"/13	S-3/13
2145	You can expect a Ron party from the 6 SAAD from tomorrow on. They will recon with the view of relieving you. The Dtv. will be relieved by 6 SAAD. Recommend you have an overlay of marked map to help them on their Reconnaissance. (We have copies of overlays we can give them.)	Q-3 1/AD	OQ/13
DATE: 29 May 1945 PLACE: Vio. Varese, Italy (" -9906)			
1340	"A"/13 outpost at 591808 (Gaglio) has moved forward to 586631 (Devoro). Post consists of 10 Ek. H/T previously with post has returned to C.P.	CO "A"/13	S-3/13
1340	"A"/13 outpost at 716724 (Albergo) moves post forward to 721761 during daylight. At this forward point the outpost can observe the border well. At night the patrol will return to Albergo. Deep snow persists in the area.	CO "A"/13	S-3/13
1545	General Daniel called to inquire about outposts. He thinks we will be relieved tomorrow.	OQ/13	S-3/13
1550	I can't get to the two northern outposts. A bridge is blown.	CO "D"/13	S-3
1550	Dismount your men and march them out.	OQ/13	CO "D"/13
1200	Ron party from 6 SAAD arrived and were given necessary information including overlays, etc.	Ek. Q/13	

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DATE: 30 May 1945
PLACE: Vic. Varese, Italy (D-9906)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0955	Relief will be commensed sometime tomorrow morning - no definite time as yet.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/15
1500	Liaison officer arrived from the Imperial Light Horse Km. Regt. and the following was agreed upon for the relief to commence tomorrow:	NOTE	

I.L.H. "D" Co. will relieve "D"/13. "D"/13 will have an officer meet relieving company on road South of Intia at 1000B tomorrow, 31 May. Relief will commence immediately upon arrival. The relief is not expected to be completed until sometime during the 1 June. As much as possible of the relief will be accomplished the first day, but will not carry on into the night.

"A"/13 will meet "A" Co. I.L.H. at 1015B on road South of Intia. The same applies to "A"/13 relief as applies to "D"/13.

"B"/13 will meet "B" Co. I.L.H. on road South of Varese and the same instructions apply as to procedure of relief.

ComOpSite Co. of I.L.H. will be met on road South of Varese at 1015B by a Hq/13 representative and guided to this C.P. where they will be billeted until this C.P. moves from present area, at which time the I.L.H. will occupy present C.P. and the composite Co. will occupy Service/13 area.

1910	Contact the Provost Marshal when we know when we are going to move. They would like 3 or 4 hours notice so they can get the men on the road.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
2230	Your billeting party to meet liaison officer at RJ (J-2751) between 0900-0930B tomorrow morning.	G-3 1/AD	S-3/15
2250	The 5 trucks will not be available for you tomorrow. They are to be used for transporting P&W's.	S-3/13	Serv/13

DATE: 30 May 1945
PLACE: Vic. Varese, Italy (D-9906)

2340	Return trucking company trucks to their respective companies as soon as the 1st trip is completed. Priority from higher headquarters cancels vehicles expected by Lt. Converse.	G-4 1/AD	OO Hq/13
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DATE: 31 May 1945
PLACE: Vic. Varese, Italy (D-9906)

1515	"C"/13 will complete relief sometime this evening. We can move at 0800B tomorrow. I need a truck or H/T to move my orderly room equipment.	CO "C"/13	CO/13
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1550	G-4 report to Div. 2 and 4 sections and draw Class II and IV equipment tomorrow.	1/AD	S-3/13
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1610	"B"/13 closed 1500B at Ponte Tresa.	"B"/13	S-3/15
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1645	Have any companies completed relief? (Yes, "B" & "C" - we want to move at 0800B tomorrow). (N.K. we will have H.P.'s posted.)	G-3 1/AD	S-3/13
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PLACE: Vic. Varese, Italy (D-9906)
DATE: 31 May 1945 (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1750	Movement orders, movement starts at 0800B tomorrow in 3 march units: 0800B, 0830B, and 0900B. Convoy No. IV-S-364. You know the route of march.	G-3 1/AD	S-5/18
1930	* Mr. Coar will be at En. (new area 0800B tomorrow and will bring message).	Mr. Coar	00/18

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SECTION III - PERSONNEL

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HEADQUARTERS THE FORTSMITH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

ROSTER OF OFFICERS
As of 31 May 1945

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER. NO.</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
<u>BATTALION STAFF</u>			
Elliott, John C	Major	0-319341	G.O.
Grittenden, Frank C.	Major	0-453598	Executive Off
Lee, Robert J	1st Lt	0-1176706	S-1
Merrill, William M	Captain	0-419963	S-2 & Asst S-3 for Air & Commo Off
Glay, Frank B	Captain	0-24937	S-3
Hitchcock, Iale R	1st Lt	0-1018002	S-4
Bousher, Joseph M	1st Lt	0-1015421	Liaison Off

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS UNASSG

Malozzi, Pasquale J	Captain	0-317306	I & E Off
Brown, William R	1st Lt	0-1013085	Spec Sv Off & Unit NVO

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Harper, Wesley W	1st Lt	0-1012655	G.O.
Galloway, Donald E	1st Lt	0-1014406	Assault Gun Platoon
Ash, Roger F	1st Lt	0-1018846	Mortar Pltn (Engr & Security Pltn)

"A" COMPANY

Bassold, Ernest J	1st Lt	0-1014605	G.O.
Key, Dought O	1st Lt	0-465778	Pltn Ldr
Dubas, Edwin H.	1st Lt	0-1683505	Pltn Ldr
Erdman, William E-	2nd Lt	0-2001661	Maint Off

"B" COMPANY

Humphries, Harvey O	1st Lt	0101244	G.O.
Hitchings, John M Jr	1st Lt	0441955	Pltn Ldr
Oglesby, Douglas R	1st Lt	01017310	Pltn Ldr
Gaylord, Carl W	1st Lt	02056090	DS with IV Corps Hqs

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90th COMPANY

Noran, James R	1st Lt	0-1012348	C.O.
Lienemann, Alfred A Jr	1st Lt	0-1016087	Pltn Ldr
Jacobs, Edward L Jr	1st Lt	0-1015936	Pltn Ldr

70th COMPANY

Weinberg, Milton	Captain	0-1012680	C.O.
Huber, John M	1st Lt	0-1012323	Pltn Ldr
Magee, Victor T	1st Lt	0-1016041	DE I & M Off 1st AD
Devine, John J	2nd Lt	0-1018864	Pltn Ldr

SERVICE COMPANY

Converse, Luther L	1st Lt	0-1016216	C.O.
Boyd, William A	1st Lt	0-1012601	Bn Maint Off
Palman, Randolph M	1st Lt	0-1030400	Trans & Supply
Kilis, Charles W	2nd Lt	0-557214	Co Maint Off
Gear, Harold W	WOJG	W-2130907	Bers: Off
Byrne, Charles J	WOJG	W-2130934	Supply Gen - Asst S-4

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Rotman, Harry G	Capt	0-411543	Bn Surgeon
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HEADQUARTERS THIRTIETH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army*CHANGES IN OFFICER ASSIGNMENT
During month of May 1945.

NAME	SER NO	RANK	CHANGE	DATE
Harper, Wesley W	0-1012655	1st Lt	Held as asst S-3 for Air & Commo Off & aptd O.O. HQ Co	7 May
Lee, Robert J	0-1176706	1st Lt	Aptd asst S-3 for Air & Commo Officer (add dy)	7 May
Palmer, Randolph M	0-1030400	1st Lt	Trfd fr HQ Co to Serv Co	17 May
Elliott, John C	0-319341	Major	Asst comd of Bn	23 May
Crittenden, Frank C	0-453538	Major	Held as S-3. Aptd Exec C	23 May
Humphries, Harvey C	0-1012414	1st Lt	Aptd O.O. Co "B"	22 May
Hitchcock, Isle R	0-1018002	1st Lt	Trfd fr Co "A" to Bn HQS and aptd S-4	22 May
Clay, Frank B	0-24937	Capt	Held as O.O. Co "C" and aptd S-3	23 May
Noren, James R	0-1012348	1st Lt	Aptd O.O. Co "C"	23 May
Mallozzi, Pasquale J	0-317306	Capt	Trfd fr Sv Co to Bn HQS unassgd & aptd I&E Off	23 May
Brown, William R	0-1013085	1st Lt	Held as Bn I & E Off	23 May
Converse, Luther L	0-1016216	1st Lt	Aptd O.O. Serv Co	23 May
Spencer, Robert E	0-1015926	1st Lt	Trfd fr Co "B" to Bn HQS unassgd	23 May
Jacobs, Edward L Jr	0-1015936	1st Lt	Trfd fr Hq Co to Co "C"	23 May
Lee, Robert J	0-1176706	1st Lt	Held as asst S-3 for Air and Commo Off	31 May
Merrill, William M	0-419963	Capt	Aptd Asst S-3 for Air & Commo Off	31 May
Gaylord, Carl W	0-2056090	1st Lt	Held as O.O. "B" Co DS with IV Corps	22 May

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OFFICER GAINS

During Period 1 - 31 May 45

NAME	SER NO	RANK	FROM	ASGD TO
Huber, Hohn M	0-1012323	1st Lt	Prov Arm'd Engr Asslt Co	Co "D"
Jacobs, Edward L Jr	0-1015936	1st Lt	Prov Arm'd Engr Asslt Co	Hqs Co
Hotman, Harry G	0-411543	Capt	6th Arm'd Inf	Med Det
Galloway, Donald E	0-1014406	1st Lt	From Hospital	Hqs Co

OFFICER LOSSES

During Period 1 - 31 May 45

NAME	SER NO	RANK	ASGCT HELD	TO
Gardiner, Henry E	0-397013	Lt Col	Commanding Officer	Trfd to USA
Gilmore, Hugh R	0-1013274	Capt	S-4	Trfd 2600 Sp Det (ovhd)
Fulk, Hubert A	0-302453	Major	DS w/Res Cnd 1 AD	Trfd Res Cnd 1 AD
Werner, Walter B	0-450125	Capt	O.O. Hq Co	Rotation
Butts, Joel B	0-378925	Capt	TDY USA	Trfd USA
Page, Charles D	0-1691803	1st Lt	Pltn Ldr "B" Co	Rotation
Spencer, Robert W	0-1015926	1st Lt	DS with 1 AD Spec Sv	Trfd to Hq Co 1AD Tns
Thompson, Milton H	0-1691777	1st Lt	Pltn Ldr "O" Co	Trfd to USA
Deavers, Arvin S Jr	0-1011049	1st Lt	Pltn Ldr "C" Co	Trfd to Hq Co 1AD Tns
Johnsen, Robert A	0-456142	1st Lt	Pltn Ldr "D" Co	Trfd 15th Army Gp
Schenkerhorn, Herschel A	0-1013978	1st Lt	Maint Off "D" Co	DGP 5th Army
Good, William D	W-2122818	WO JG	TDY USA	Trfd to USA
Williams, David O Jr	0-480703	Capt	Bn Surgeon	Trfd 47th Med Bn
Deal, Kenneth M	0-408831	Capt	TDY USA	Trfd to USA

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SECTION IV - CASUALTIES

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U.S. Army

Battle Casualty Report
For Period 1 - 31 May 1945

No battle casualties were incurred by this unit during the period
1 - 31 May 1945.

~~OFFICERS - PROMOTIONS~~
~~During Period 1 - 31 May 45~~

None.

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army**

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

Listed below are the decorations and awards received by members of this organization for the period 1 May through 31 May 45:

SILVER STAR

Tec 5 Vergil L. Nelson 37474471 GO #41, Hq 1st AD es (Co C)

BRONZE STARS

WOJG	Harold W. Coar	W2130907	GO #40, Hq 1st AD es (Sv Co)
1st Lt	Alfred A. Liebsmann Jr	01016087	GO #40, Hq 1st AD es (Co C)
1st Lt	Isis R. Hitchcock	01018002	GO #40, Hq 1st AD es (Co A)
Tec 4	Floyd C. Lyons	35152024	GO #40, Hq 1st AD es (Co C)
Cpl	Lee A. Wilkinson	39011357	GO #41, Hq 1st AD es (Sv Co)
Pvt	Walter G. Sanders	6833432	GO #41, Hq 1st AD es (Co D)

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART

Tec 4	Martin F. Nordquist	37095333	GO #35, Hq 1st AD es (Co D)
2nd Lt	Roger H. Cantley	01999210	GO #51, Hq 70th GH es (Co C)
Captain	Joseph H. Lieberstein	0825905	GO #51, Hq 70th GH es (Med)
Sgt	Michael J. Knapp	32026997	GO #32, Hq 44th GH es (Co C)
S Sgt	John B. Scott	15047103	GO #38, Hq 1st AD es (Co D)
Sgt	Luther C. Jett	15054142	GO #39, Hq 1st AD es (Co A)
Captain	Milton Weinberg	01012680	GO #41, Hq 1st AD es (Co B)
Sgt	Eugene P. Woelflin	96046900	GO #41, Hq 1st AD es (Co C)

PURPLE HEARTS

1st Lt	Robert W. Spencer	01015926	GO #35, Hq 1st AD es (Hq Co)
Pfc	Charles E. Scheidt	32067767	GO #47, Hq 70th GH es (Med)
Tec 5	Glenn I. Spriggs	39308624	GO #38, Hq 1st AD es (Co C)
Pfc	Francis Ross	32677256	GO #38, Hq 1st AD es (Co C)
Captain	Frank B. Gray	024937	GO #38, Hq 1st AD es (Co C)
S Sgt	John P. Fletcher Jr	32005072	GO #38, Hq 1st AD es (Med)
Pfc	Frank G. Lofs	13058021	GO #39, Hq 1st AD es (Co A)
Pvt	Otis D. Poling	35382925	GO #41, Hq 1st AD es (Co B)
Pvt	Stanley P. Pitka	31103711	GO #41, Hq 1st AD es (Co B)

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HEADQUARTERS TENTATIVE TANK BATTALION
APO 281, U. S. ARMY

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8 July, 1945

~~REPORT OF ACTIVITIES~~
~~Adjutant General, 1st Armored Division.~~

1. Report called for in Paragraph 4, Headquarters 1st A. . .
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1944 and Section #1, Bulletin #6, 11 January is herewith submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDER GENERAL:

Harry C. Hoffert

HARRY C. HOFFERT
1st Lt., 13th Tk. Bn.,
Adjutant

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Report of Activities.

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THIRTIETH TANK BATTALION
1 JUNE 1945 TO 30 JUNE 1945

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MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

(1 June - 30 June)

The Imperial Light Horse Kimberly Regiment continued to relieve the Battalion. "A"/13 relief was completed by 0830 hours. "D" 13/13 by 2400 hours 1 June and both companies immediately prepared to move to the new area. HQ & HQ Co/13 moved from vicinity of Fressa at 0820H, closed Palazzo (7-2969) at 1413H. "A"/13 moved from vicinity of Intia (D-3020) at 1030H, closed vicinity Palazzo at 1605H. "B"/13 moved from the vicinity of Fressa (2-0322) at 0700H, closed vicinity of Pallesmo at 1400H. "C"/13 moved from the vicinity of Goco (2-170) at 0730H, closed vicinity of Palazzo at 1500H. "D"/13 moved from vicinity Intia (D-3020) at 0930H, closed vicinity of Palazzo at 1530H. The weather was clear and warm and morale was high.

2 June was devoted to setting up camp, rehabilitation of personnel and equipment.

At about 0430 hours, 3 June, a kitchen stove in "B" Company exploded, setting fire to and destroying the "B" Company kitchen and kitchen truck.

All companies devoted the day to cleaning up of vehicles and equipment.

The period from 3 June through 8 June was devoted to training such as calisthenics, tank gunnery, maintenance, military courtesy and close order drill.

Word was received from Division that the Battalion had been placed in category IV and all men over 85 points were eligible to go home under the redeployment plan. Division asked if Battalion would still be able to move vehicles if all men under 85 points were taken from the Battalion excluding those necessary for maintenance. The Battalion Commander unhesitatingly "Yes", if allowed the retention of certain officers necessary in an administrative capacity.

4 June the Division Commander, Brig. Gen. Daniel, visited the Battalion Camp. He expressed satisfaction over the condition of the Battalion bivouac and the state of training and morale.

On 5 June, Division informed us that Army had called for the transfer of 11 officers and 149 enlisted men from the Division to the 511th Replacement Center, vicinity of Bologna. Lt Lt Robert J. Doe, adjutant for the Battalion, was notified of his selection by Division to go in an administrative capacity.

6 June: Usual camp duties and training.

7 June: Usual camp duties and training.

8 June: Division asked for a report estimating the amount of transportation required to move the Battalion for a distance of 50 miles. The estimate was submitted at 15 6x6 trucks to move all members of the battalion and their equipment.

The Battalion was shown the film "On To Tokyo" with 450 enlisted men and 23 officers in attendance.

1st Lt Carl V. Garland was relieved from detached service in Milan and resumed command of "B" Company.

The period from 9 June through 14 June was devoted to usual camp duties and training. During this period, the film "On To Tokyo" was shown in Bolina for those who had missed the previous showing.

On 15 June a Battalion enlisted men's club was opened at Lake Cirio near Ivrea, under the supervision of Capt Hugh R. Gilmore. Boating, swimming, boating and other recreational activities were offered to the men. Each company was allowed to devote a half day at the lake in turn, and on their allotted days the companies arranged programs for competitive sports.

On 16 June, the Battalion Commanding Officer and the Adjutant were called to attend a unit commanders meeting at Division, at which time they were told that the physical separation of Battalion members with scores of 85 or over, deemed surplus, and volunteers, essentials with 85 and over, and personnel under 85, would occur on the 23rd of June. Plans called for the Battalion to split into two battalions; one with surplus personnel (men with 85 points or above, not deemed essential) to be called the 13th Provisional Battalion; the other, with volunteers, essentials, and men over 85 deemed essential, to continue as the 13th Tank Battalion. Plans called for the 13th Tank Battalion to move with Division to Hall, Germany, and become a part of the Army of Occupation.

Plans were also formulated for the formation of two companies within the provisional battalion; the 7th and 8th provisional companies.

The period from June 16 to 23 was principally devoted to signing over property and equipment to the G.O.'s of the new Provisional Companies. 1st Lt Ernest J. Hassold was appointed G.O. of the 7th Provisional Company and 1st Lt Dwight C. Key G.O. of the 8th. Major Frank C. Crittenden assumed command of the Provisional Battalion.

During this period of anticipated separation, a Battalion formation was held on 20 June at which time decorations and awards were presented.

On 21 June, the actual physical separation of personnel took place. All men were transferred to their respective units and the transfer of all vehicles except 1 ton trucks and 5x8 trucks to the Provisional Companies was completed.

22 and 23 June were devoted to Battalion preparation for movement on the 26th to advance billeting parties left for Grellheim, Germany.

On 26 June, the Battalion left Bolzano (J-2969) at 0630 and closed in new bivouac at L4108 in the vicinity of Casanovo, Italy. Intermittent rains fell during the march. One vehicle fell out due to mechanical difficulty.

On 27 June, at 0200 hours, another billeting party left for Germany. The Battalion left Casanovo, Italy (F-3756) at 0630 hours and marched to Bolzano, Italy (A-5536), arriving there at 1450H and bivouacing for the night.

On 28 June, the Battalion left Bolzano, Italy, headed north on Highway 12, through the Brenner Pass, and into Germany via Innsbruck, Austria. The bivouac for the night was established at Y-3139, vicinity of Landsberg, Germany. Closed at 1815 hours with the loss of one truck due to mechanical difficulties.

On 29 June found the Battalion en route to Grellheim, Germany. Members of the advanced party met the Battalion and escorted the convoy to the vicinity of Southelm, Germany, which was to be the area of Battalion Headquarters. Battalion closed in bivouac in new area of L410 hours. Convoy was immediately sent out to relieve elements of the 4th Tank Battalion on guard at target 10 and 11. The relief was completed as of 2000H.

On 30 June, the Battalion was setting up in Ober Southelm. Service/13 moved to Unter Southelm, and D/13 moved to Sulzertell. The balance of the Battalion remained in Ober Southelm. Target #10 was a road block where guards enforced civilian traffic. #12 target was a post guarding an airplane precision parts factory.

For the Commanding Officer:

Frank B. Clay

FRANK B. CLAY,
Captain, 13th Tn. Bn.,
Executive Officer.

SECTION II - OPERATIONS

JOURNAL
19th TANK BATTALION

SECRET
BY AUTH: CO/19th Tn Bn
Initials: [Signature]
Date: 1 June, 1945

DATE: 1 June 1945
PLACE: Via VARESE, Italy (D-900860)

TIME	MESSAGE	FROM	TO
0800	"A" Co. relief completed as of 2400H.	"A" CO	2-3/13
0840	"A" Co. relief by Imperial Light Horse Km. Regt. completed as of 0830H.	"A" CO	2-3/13
0845	Hq. & Hq. Co./13 moved from vicinity VARESE at 0820H.		2-3/13

DATE: 1 June 1945
PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2988)

1230	Hq. & Hq. Co. closed via PALAZZO (J-2988) at 1215H.		2-3/13
1420	"B" Co. moved from via Trasa (2-0322) at 0700H. closed via Palazzo at 1400H	"B" CO	2-3/13
1510	"C" Co. move from via Come at 0730H. closed via Palazzo at 1500H.	"C" CO	2-3/13
1540	"D" Co. closed via Palazzo at 1530H.	"D" CO	2-3/13
1615	"A" Co. Closed via Palazzo at 1605H.	"A" CO	2-3/13
1620	Re. closed via Palazzo (2988-J) at 1605.	2-3/13	2-3/13AD

DATE: 2 June 1945
PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2989)

0430	"B" Co. kitchen burned down.	"B" 13	2-3/13
1915	Capt. Heinberg returned from ANGIO at 1800H	CO "D"/13	2-3/13

DATE: 3 June 1945
PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2989)

1230	If all personnel with less than 86 points are transferred from your unit - our figures show that you will have left - a strength of 24 Gv. and 348 H... - with that remaining strength can you move administer & supply your unit? Considering that you may form Trov. Co's. for Messing, bait, etc. Call back before supper.	Capt. Wilson G-3	2-3/13
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DATE: 5 June 1945

PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (Cont.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1600	We can move; however if possible would like to retain certain officers who are necessary in an administrative capacity.	00/15	G-3, 1st AD
1740	I have been order to come back to Division, I am at 3th Army Officer's Transient Camp in Gaddone. Hunter Williams my old driver knows where Gastone Gilmore is. Will you arrange to have him come up and get me.	Capt. 00/15	00/15

DATE: 4 June 1945

PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2080)

0920	I must file "On to Tokyo" is to be shown same- this week. Reports to G-3 are required as they were on previous film "Two Days and One to Go". Call I & S as to time we desire film	I & S 1st AD	0-5/13
1100	We are now in the five area and therefore are subject to Ordnance Spot Checkers at any time. First and Second Section maintenance must be maintained at the highest possible level at all times (particularly wheeled vehicles).	0-6/13	00/13
1600	Big. Gen Daniel visited the G. Nothing to report.		0-5/13
1900	Div. Surge would like to show a V.D. film at same time I & S film is shown.	Div. Surge	0-5/13
Date:	5 June 1945		
Place:	Palazzo, Italy (J-2080)		
0915	Last film "On to Tokyo" will be shown Friday 9 June 45, a V.D. film will be shown at same time		0-5/13
0930	S-1 would like us to schedule a showdown inspection sometime this week.	0-4/13	0-4/13
0950	Ref. above at morning will be all right.	0-4/13	0-4/13
1730	TY Corps has taken our hand we may get it back in time for your review Saturday	G-1/1st AD	00/13
1750	Ref. above OK. we will plan something else	0/13	G-1/1st AD

DATE: 6 June 1945

PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)

TIME

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

2030 Army has called on the Div. to furnish eleven officers and 143 N. to be sent to the 811th Spl. Center via Bologna. We have picked Lt. Lee your son to go in an administrative capacity.

G-1/1st AD

Ex. 04/15

DATE: 7 June 1945

PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)

Re Engr

DATE: 6 June 1945

PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)

0815 Film "On To Tokyo" to be shown in soccer field via Hqs. Co. Film will be available at 2000 hours tonight.

G-4/15

S-3/15

0830 Lt. Humphries will not return today. He will stay in Milan until tomorrow at which time he will bring back Lt. Gaylord. Gaylord will be relieved at that time.

Ex. 11/15

S-3/15

1050 Submit report by 1000 this date to G-3 on Combat efficiency of your unit giving (1) NO. of Combat vehicles that can be put into the field and fight by Company (2) Amount of transport, if any, you would require to move your unit 50 miles.

G-5/1st AD

S-3/15

1400 Ref. above: 15 G-2 trucks with trailers are required.

Vehicles	AGOs	B Co.	G Co.	D Co.	Hq. Co.	Serv. Co.
Truck M4A3	10	3	0	0	2	0
Truck M4	0	3	11	0	0	0
Tr. M4A3 100	0	1	1	0	2	0
Truck M4	0	0	0	8	0	0
Dozers	0	0	0	2	0	0
Art T2	1	1	1	1	0	1
Art T6	0	0	0	0	0	0
M/T	1	1	1	1	14	1
Jeeps	0	0	0	0	5	0

DATE: 8 June 1945
PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2948)

TYPE DESCRIPTION FROM TO

0890 Attendance report on film "On To Tokyo" shown on the night of 8 June 45. 450 EM and 25 GVF. Attended, 107 EM and 7 GVF, Non Attendance. G-3/18 G-3/1st AD

0890 Messengers will be shown film on Wed. June 13 at 2145. G-3/1st AD G-3/18

1600 Lt. Humphreys and 1st. Gaylord kept back for duty with "B" Co. Lt. Gaylord G-3/18

DATE: 10 June 1945
PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2948)

No Entry

DATE: 11 June 1945
PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2948)

2030 All written matter to Div. G-3, will have on it Attention: Asst's Chief of Staff G-3. G-3/1st AD G-3/18

DATE: 12 June 1945
PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2948)

0980 Station log sheets can be obtained at this Hqs. Units will furnish paper for mimeographing if log sheets are desired. G-3 G-3/18

1600 Division wants a reply sent thru G-3 on the subject of TO & R's sent to us by the Army Ground Forces Board. G-3 G-3/18

1605 Our -4 has already sent it forward to G-4 G-3/18 G-3/G-4

DATE: 13 June 1945
PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy, (J-2948)

0945 Carrier Near will deliver training film, "On To Tokyo" to Bu. at 1800B June 18th. He will return the film to Carrier at Biella by 0800B June 14. G-3/18 1st AD

1090 The final showing of the film "On To Tokyo" for those who have not attended will be at 1800B at the Appelle theatre in Biella. G-3 G-3/18

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
DATE: 13 June 1948 (cont.) PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)			
1400	Unit will revert back to TM-28.	3-5/0/C "A"	3-5/13
DATE: 14 June 1948 PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)			
0810	89 EM attended the showing of "On To Tokyo" last night 20 EM did not attend	3-5/13	I & E I AD
0812	The 81st Recon. is showing "On To Tokyo" tonite Contact them and arrange for your people that have not seen the showing. phone in your final figures	I&E/1 AD	3-5/13
1150	It is alright to have one Co. per day attend a water carnival.	3-5/1 AD	3-5/13
1445	The General think we should spend a whole day per day at a water carnival. He thinks a half day can be spared.	3-5/1 AD	3-5/13
2000	Attached two copies of training schedule with names of instructors will be returned to 3-5 by 1200H Friday 15 June.	3-5/13	All Co. 13
DATE: 15 June 1948 PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)			
0735	15 stragglers from this Bn. attended showing of "On To Tokyo" last night at 81st Bn. last leaving a balance of 7 EM in this Bn. Not At- tending the must film.	3-5/13	I&E/1 AD
1458	The Division has a must film which all officers are required to attend. The 4th Tk. Bn. is showing this film on Tuesday 18th June. You may arrange to attend their showing or contact us for a date to have a showing in your unit	I&E/1 Ad	3-5/13
2210	There will be a meeting of unit Commanders Tomorrow morning at 0900 at Div. Hq's. Bn 00. will be accompanied by 3-1 and 3-4.	3-5/1 AD	3-5/13
DATE: 16 June 1948 PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)			
1300	"VD" film for Monday June 18, is to be picked up at Div. I & E at 1800 June 18.	I&E/13	3-5/13
1645	I am at the hotel Continental in Milan. Can you arrange transportation for me?	Capt. Clay	3-5/13

TIMEMESSAGEFROMTO

DATE: 17 June 1945
 PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2960)

1200 Pick up P.M. at 1140B Tuesday 16th June at Riv. G. 3.3/1 AD 3-3/13
 in Biella. 2 trucks with tarps and a weapons carrier will be required to take care of your breakdown, or else 3 trucks.

1245 Same as above.

3-3/13 Sgt. Haefler

DATE: 18 June 1945
 PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)

1610 Time on film changed to 1000B tomorrow

G-3/1 AD 3-3/13

DATE: 19 June 1945
 PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)

1636 Training memo #29 from L-AM. Terminates Sat. 20 June. It will not be necessary to submit training schedules until further notice.

G-3/0/G 3-3/13

1715 Three trucks are to rept. to Lt. Mc Gowan, at A.C. car in Novara at 0730 tomorrow. Driver and Ass't driver to carry 1 day's ration, trucks to haul personnel to Verona.

G-4/1 AD 3-3/13

1720 Same as above

G-3/13 3-1/13

DATE: 20 and 21 June 1945
 PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2960)

No Entry

DATE: 22 June 1945
 PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)

No Entry

DATE: 23 June 1945
 PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)

1120 "B" Co. closed new area at 1115B

B/13 3-3/13

1120 13th Provisional Bn has closed in new area and now operates as such 13th Bn closed in assembly areas

G-3/13

DATE: 24 June 1945
 PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)

1400 1st A.C. Co. closes Vic Biella at 25015 June and opens upon arrival Vic Hall Germany.

G-3/1 AD 3-3/13

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
DATE: 26 June 1945 PLACE: PALAZZO, Italy (J-2969)			
0835	We will clear our area at 0622 & will march at 20MPH instead of the 25 MPH stated in Div. MFO Major Groening will contact you billeting officer today	Maj. 27/FA	CQ/18
Unit	billeting party down to and including Co.s will be brought to traffic control post at Graislheim, at 290900Z June, 1945 at its scheduled day of arrival at destination.	S-4/4 Tr	S-5/13
1205	Reference movement Order NO. 7 1st AD Hq Para 3 Gen I.P. is junction of Autostrada and Hwy 1150E at J-480660.	S-5/4 Tr	S-5/13
1300	M.O. Para 2-C 6 pertains to I.P. This I.P. is located on the R.J. Autostrada and Hwy 32, just N of C/O "B" Novara.	S-5/C/C "B"	S-5/13
DATE: 26 June 1945 PLACE: ROVEZZA, Italy (380650)			
1400	Bn closed out of Palazzo area at 0640, closed in new area at 1340 Vic Rovazza (380650) Marched in two Units Hq. A - B - C - D & Sv.	S-5/13	
DATE: 27 June 1945 PLACE: ROVEZZA, Italy (380650)			
0200	Six officers and 24 enlisted men, 8 peeps and one 3/4 ton sent out on advance party to Germany left at 0145. Lt. Gaylord in charge.	S-5/13	
0750	Bn closed out of bivouac via Rovazza (3865) at 0750	S-5/13	
PLACE: BOLZANO, Italy (A-950660)			
1340	Bn closed out of bivouac via Rovazza at 0750, closed in new area at Bolzano (A950660) at 1340. 1 - 2 1/2 ton truck evacuated.	S-5/13	
DATE: 26 June 1945 PLACE: BOLZANO, Italy (A-950660)			
0740	Closed out of bivouac area Vic Bolzano at 0740	S-5/13	
PLACE: LANDSBERG, Germany (Y-510590)			
1845	Closed in new area vic Landsberg (Y-510590) at 1815. 1 truck fell out.	S-5/13	

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DATE: 20 June 1945
PLACE: LANDEBERG, Germany (V-310540)

0740 Closed out of bivouac area V1 (V-310590) at 0740, 2-2/13

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DATE: 20 June 1945
PLACE: OBEN HOFHEIM, Germany (S-591231)

1410 Closed in new area S-591 651 at 1410, 2-3/13

DATE: 30 June 1945
PLACE: OBEN HOFHEIM, Germany (S-591231)

0940 Col. Igney and Lt. Col. Zimmerman visited Co's to check on our compliance with Hqs. Operations Order 2-6/13

1328 U Co. closed out of Upper Gumbeln at 1328 2/13 -3/13

1350 U Co. closed in new area (V-59-475) Rührenzell at 1350, 2/13 -3/13

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SECTION III- OFFICER PERSONNEL

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMORED TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

REGISTER OF OFFICERS
As of 30 June 1945

NAME	RANK	SER. NO.	ASSIGNMENT
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BATTALION STAFF

Elliott, John G	Major	O-319341	C.O.
Clay, Frank B	Captain	O-24937	Executive Off
Numphries, Harvey C	1st Lt	O-1012414	S-1
Reinberg, Milton	Captain	O-1012680	S-2
Merrill, William M	Captain	O-419963	S-3
Gilmore, Hugh R	Captain	O-1013271	S-4

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Mallezzi, Pasquale J	Captain	O-917306	Asst S-3 for air & Comm Off (Asst Off, Spec Serv Off)
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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Harper, Wesley	1st Lt	O-1012615	G.O. by D.P.
Ash, Roger J	1st Lt	O-1012446	Pltn Ldr

"A" COMPANY

Hatchings, John M	1st Lt	O-441915	G.O. by D.P.
Jacobs, Edward L Jr	1st Lt	O-1015926	Pltn Ldr

"B" COMPANY

Gaylard, Carl W	Capt	O-2026090	G.O.
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"C" COMPANY

Moran, James H	1st Lt	O-1012348	G.O. by D.P.
Lienemann, Alfred A Jr	1st Lt	O-1016087	Pltn Ldr

"D" COMPANY

Devine, John J	1st Lt	O-1012844	G.O. by D.P.
Hu'ar, John M	1st Lt	O-1012923	(Asst Persel Off)

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SERVICE COMPANY

Converse, Luther L.
Boyd, William A.
Byrne, Charles J.

1st Lt C-1016216
Captain C-1012601
WO JO W-2130934

S.O. by D.P.
In Joint Off
Asst S-1

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

None

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH BAKB BATTALION
APO 251, W. G. Army

OFFICERS PROMOTIONS
Effective Period 1 - 30 June 45

NAME	SER NO	FROM - TO	DATE OF RANK
Devine, John J	O-1018864	2nd Lt to 1st Lt	7 June 1945
Gayland, Carl W	O-2056090	1st Lt to Captain	25 June 1945
Boyd, William A	O-1018601	1st Lt to Captain	25 June 1945

*CHANGES IN OFFICER ASSIGNMENT
During month of June 1945

NAME	SER NO	RANK	CHANGE	DATE
Ellis, Charles T	O-557214	2nd Lt	Trfd fr "B" Co to "A" Co	7 June
Gilmere, Hugh R	O-1012871	Capt	Asgt to Bn Hqs Unasgt	5 June
Humphries, Harvey O	O-1012414	1st Lt	Trfd fr "B" Co to Bn Hqs and appt S-1	10 June
Gley, Frank B	O-24927	Capt	Reld as S-3 & Appt Exec O	25 June
Merrill, William M	O-419963	Capt	Reld as S-2 and asst S-3 for air & comm O & Appt S-3	25 June
Malleoni, Pasquale J	O-317386	Capt	Appt Asst S-3 for Air & Comm Off	25 June
Weinberg, Milton	O-1012660	Capt	Trfd fr "B" Co to Bn Hqs and appt S-2	25 June
Gilmere, Hugh R	O-1012871	Capt	Asgt to Bn Hqs & appt S-4	25 June
Hatchings, John M Jr	O-441255	1st Lt	Trfd fr "B" to "A" Co and appt GO "A" Co	25 June
Jacobs, Edward L Jr	O-1015936	1st Lt	Trfd fr "C" Co to "A" Co	25 June
Devine, John J	O-1018864	1st Lt	Appt GO of Co "D"	25 June
Haber, John M	O-1012383	1st Lt	Appt acting Persl Off	25 June

* Exclusive of duty changes within companies

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTIETH TANK BATTALION
APO 51, U. S. ARMY

OFFICER GAINS

During Period 1 - 30 June 1945

NAME	SEN NO	RANK	FROM	ASSN TO
Gilmore, Hugh H	G-1013274	Capt	2600 Sp Det (AVN)	NA REG

OFFICER LOSSES

During the Period 1 - 30 June 45

NAME	SEN NO	RANK	FROM	TO
Crittenden, Frank C	G-453338	Major	Executive Off	27th Repl Dep
Rotman, Harry C	G-411543	Captain	As Surgeon	27th Repl Dep
Hitchcock, Lila R	G-1018002	1st Lt	S-4	27th Repl Dep
Brown, William R	G-1013085	1st Lt	Spec Serv & SV Off	27th Repl Dep
Massold, Ernest J	G-1214505	1st Lt	CO of 27th "A" Co	27th Repl Dep
Boucher, Joseph M	G-1013421	1st Lt	Liaison Off	27th Repl Dep
Key, Dwight C	G-465778	1st Lt	Ptn Ldr "A" Co	27th Repl Dep
Galloway, Donald E	G-1014406	1st Lt	Ptn Ldr "B" Co	27th Repl Dep
Quincy, Douglas R	G-1017310	1st Lt	Ptn Ldr "B" Co	27th Repl Dep
Kruman, William E	G-2801641	2nd Lt	Maint Off "A" Co	27th Repl Dep
Speer, Harold	G-2130907	SG 70	Perol Officer	27th Repl Dep
Lee, Robert J	G-1176706	1st Lt	S-1	31st Sig Serv Gp
Duhon, Edwin H	G-1683505	1st Lt	Ptn Ldr "A" Co	7th Repl Dep
Wage, Victor T	G-1016041	1st Lt	Maint Off "D" Co	NA 1st A.D.
Falmer, Randolph M	G-1030408	1st Lt	Trans & Supply	DDP 5th Army
Ellis, Charles E	G-557214	2nd Lt	Maint Off Serv Co	2d AV Corps

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SECTION IV - CASUALTIES

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

Battle Casualty Report
For Period 1 - 30 June 1945

No battle casualties were incurred by this unit during the period
1 - 30 June 1945.

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army**

DEORATIONS AND AWARDS

Listed below are the decorations and awards received by members of
this organization for the period 1 June through 30 June 1945:

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1st Lt	Isle R Hitchcock	0-1018002	GO #45, Hq 1st AD es (Co A)
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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Sgt	Harley B Beck	6660968	GO #43, Hq 1st AD es (Co C)
1st Lt	James R Moran	0-1012348	GO #43, Hq 1st AD es (Co C)
S/Sgt	Frank M Farnetti	39004953	GO #43, Hq 1st AD es (Co C)
1st Lt	Victor T Magee	0-1016041	GO #43, Hq 1st AD es (Co D)
1st Lt	Dwight C Key	0-465778	GO #45, Hq 1st AD es (Co A)
1st Lt	Herschel A Schermerhorn	0-1013978	GO #45, Hq 1st AD es (Co B)
T/Sgt	Harlan P Hatliff	35021130	GO #45, Hq 1st AD es (Co D)
Tec 3	William J Spence	32067804	GO #45, Hq 1st AD es (Med Det)
1st Lt	Harvey O Humphries	0-1012414	GO #43, Hq 1st AD es (Hq Co)

PURPLE HEARTS

T/Sgt	John B Harris	6846222	GO #46, Hq 1st AD es (Co B)
Sgt	Jean P LaBonte	31184711	GO #46, Hq 1st AD es (Hq Co)
Pfc	Horace J Holmes	12131500	GO #46, Hq 1st AD es (Hq Co)
Pfc	Michael Gelman	33156389	GO #46, Hq 1st AD es (Hq Co)
1st Lt	Donald E Galloway	0-1014406	GO #46, Hq 1st AD es (Hq Co)

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COL. 31-5-3

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By Auth: G-25th Th. Div.
Initials: _____
Date: 5 August, 1945

HEADQUARTERS THIRTIETH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ARMY

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6 August, 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Activities

TO : Adjutant General, 1st Armored Division

1. Report called for in Paragraph 4, Headquarters 1st A.D., A.G. 214.7, subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, dated 6 November, 1943 and Section II, Bulletin # 4, dated 20 November 1943 and Section # 1, Bulletin # 6, 11 January 1944 is hereby submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Claude W. Daugherty
CLAUDE W. DAUGHERTY
1st Lt., 15th Th. Div.,
Adjutant

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Report of Activities

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
THIRTIENETH TANK BATTALION
1 JULY 1945 THRU 31 JULY 1945

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SECTION I - ACTIVITIES

HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ARMY

MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
(1 July - 31 July)

On 1 July, as part of the establishment of the Battalion's area, a search of each town and village was conducted by the occupying units. Service Company searched UNTERSCHNEHM (S-575541), while "A", "B" and "C" operated an EHLERSTHOFEN (S-580477), "D"/13 searched BUEHLERHILL (S-598455), and occupied billets. "C"/13 departed OBERSCHNEHM (S-581551), and marched to GEFERSTHOFEN (S-580477), arriving at 1400R 2 July, 1945 and occupied billets. Units searched BUEHLERTANN (S-590612), LOESCHENHOFEN (S-592614), and KOTTSPILL (S-590580). On July 3 "A"/13 moved to WELLESER (S-588564), arriving at 1400R. 4 July was a holiday for all troops, except necessary guard and details.

Period 4 to 7 July, Battalion established Road Blockades directed by Division Headquarters and O/C "A". A bridge reconnaissance was made of the area. All bridges were reported serviceable. Film "NAZI ATROCITIES" was shown to all personnel on 9 July. Period 9 July to 20 July was occupied by guarding targets and maintenance of vehicles.

On 18 July Lt. Col. James S. Zimmerman assumed command of the Battalion, relieving Maj. John C. Elliot, who remained in the Battalion as Executive Officer.

On 25-26-28 July operation ILLINO commenced in the town of KROGELHOFEN (S-545-397). The search continued throughout the period with results as follows:

1. Approximate number of civilians checked: 4835
2. Twelve (12) German soldiers were detained for lack of discharge papers.
3. 14 displaced persons were checked.
4. No unauthorized items were found in possession of U.S. Troops.
5. Contrabands:
 - a. One (1) rifle, three (3) bayonets, four (4) German helmets, three (3) trench knives, and one (1) radio transmitter.
 - b. Two (2) unregistered Opel sedans, one (1) unregistered motorcycle.
6. No evidence of black market operations were discovered.

About 22 July Battalion I & S Officer began survey of Battalion for AEP program. The survey of personnel present was completed on 25 July and submitted to the next higher Headquarters. This did not complete survey for Battalion due to assignment of new personnel later. On 22 July a new target was located in OBERSCHNEHM (S-581551), and placed under guard. All companies completed showdown inspection for unauthorized items on July 22.

On 24 July a German civilian removed 5 box (7) type mines from field in Service Company's area. On 25 July Battalion drew 149 EM from 714 Tk. Bn. on 26 July a dental inspection was conducted by Capt. Cohen, 16th Eng. dental Off. Battalion drew 23 tanks on 26 July.

On 28 July Battalion drew 10 Off and 166 EM from 707th Tk. Bn. An 8 week training schedule began on 30 July in preparation for field maneuvers during month of October.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Claude W. Daugherty
CLAUDE W. DAUGHERTY
1st Lt., 13th Tk. Bn.
Adjutant

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THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
1 July 1945 thru 31 July 1945

COMMUNICATING COMPANY
(S-561531)

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By Auth: Co 13th Tk. Bn.
Initials:
Date: 7 August, 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
DATE	1 July 1945		
0800	"D" and Service Companies are searching UNTERSCHTHEIM, "A" "B" and "C" Cos. are searching GEIFERTSHOFEN.		S-3/15
1000	Col. Dewey, C.O. CO/A, visited CP to check on Bn. police of area.		S-3/15
1200	Towns of GEIFERTSHOFEN AND UNTERSCHTHEIM searched.		S-3/15
1700	Town of GROSSALTDORF searched.		S-3/15
DATE	2 July 1945		
1000	Report location of any lumber mills and lumber stock piles in Bn. area by 1900 2 July.	S-3/CO/A	S-3/15
1300	"C" Co. left OBERSONTHEIM (S-581531) at 1245 and marched C/15 to GEIFERTSHOFEN (S-580478) arrived at 1400.		S-3/15
1520	Towns of BUELBERTAIN, BUELERMILL, LOHENSIMMER and KOTT- SPEIL searched.		S-3/15
DATE	3 July 1945		
1400	"A" Co. left OBERSONTHEIM at 1300B arrived at VELLBRAG (S-568564) at 1400.	S/15	S-3/15
1500	Col. Dewey, C.O. CO/A, visited C.P., nothing to report		S-3/15
1700	4th July will be a holiday for all troops except nec- essary details.	S-3/CO/A	S-3/15
DATE	4 July 1945	No Entry	
DATE	5 July 1945		
1800	Units are to make a reconnaissance of area for suit- able range sites, and submit overlays of requested areas to S-3 for approval.	S-3/CO/A	S-3/15

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DATE 5 July (cont'd)

1845 4th Tk. Bn's surgeon reported Bn. sanitation unsatisfactory on the following counts. Lt. Col. S-3/15
 Hq. Co. insufficient latrines. Simmerman
 "C" Co. no pre kits or rammers available to men. Ex. C, CC/A
 Bn quarters floor dirty.
 "D" Co. latrine in poor shape.
 *Bn quarters dirty

Col. Dewey, GO CC/A, will check on these points tomorrow.

DATE 6 July 1945

1000 Our future training range to be at S-682863 firing line S-3/15 S-3/CC/A
 shooting at Eng. Az. 170 degrees.

DATE 7 July 1945

1820 All units are to furnish road blocks with a situation S-3/CC/A S-3/15
 map showing 1st A.B. units and non-Div. units within
 Div. sector. CC/A will furnish information on non-Div.
 units as soon as it is available.

1600 Would like a report of all bridges out in area. Report S-3/CC/A S-3/15
 to cover main roads only, report due by 1700 Sun, July 8.

DATE 8 July 1945

Division inspection of road blocks and targets, yesterday. Lt. Col. S-3/15
 1100 was unsatisfactory as to knowledge of orders, uniform Simmerman
 and poor living conditions. Com. Daniels, C.O. 1st A.D. Bn. C
 directs that immediate corrective measures be taken. CC/A

1808 All bridges in area are serviceable. S-3/15 S-3/CC/A

DATE 9 July 1945

1800 Col. Dewey, GO CC/A, visited OP, nothing to report. S-3/15

DATE 10 July 1945

1600 Col. Dewey, GO CC/A, visited OP, nothing to report. S-3/15

DATE 11 July 1945 No Entry

DATE 12 July 1945

1000 Lt. Col. Simmerman, Ex. C, CC/A, visited OP, nothing
 to report. S-3/15

DATE 13 July 1945

DATE 14 July 1945

0845 Lt. Col. Simmerman Ex. C, CC/A, visited OP, to accompany
 Maj. Elliot, CO 18th Tk. Bn., on inspection of the Bn. S-3/15

TIMEMESSAGEFROMTO

DATE 15 July 1945

1480 There will be a meeting of Bn. and separate Co. Comdrs. and their I & S officers at 0800H 16 July at Div. Hqtrs lectur room.

S-3/CO/A S-3/18

DATE 16 July 1945

No Entry

DATE 17 July 1945

No Entry

DATE 18 July 1945

No Entry

DATE 19 July 1945

No Entry

DATE 20 July 1945

No Entry

DATE 21 July 1945

1580 How is search progressing. (inspection and security check)

S-3/CO/A
CO, CO/A

S-3/18

DATE 22 July 1945

1506 Bn. completed inspection of troops for "loot" as of 1150H

S-3/18

S-3/CO/A

1580 Located new target of airplane carburetor parts at 2-551851 during inspection yesterday - located in CHESSWHEIN.

S-3/18

S-3/CO/A

DATE 23 July 1945

No Entry

DATE 24 July 1945

No Entry

DATE 25 July 1945

1445 S m. of the new men you received yesterday may have Dent Off a mouth disease. Would like to check them tomorrow 16 Ssg. A.M. What Time? Ans. 0900

Ex. O/18

1460 All new men will report to Bn. CP at 0855 tomorrow.

S-3/CO/A

All Co.,/18

DATE 26 July 1945

Div. wants rept. on any German Trng. areas, Trng. installations, or ranges in our area.

S-3/CO/A

S-3/18

1520 Inf. above: None that are known about.

S-3/18

S-3/1 AD

DATE 28 July 1945

No Entry

TIME

MESSAGE

FROM

TO

DATE 29 July 1945

1645 Request complete inventory of confiscated articles from Ex. Q/CC/A 4-3/18
operation TALLYHO.

Date 30 July 1945

No Entry

DATE 31 July 1945

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 531, U. S. ARMY**

**ROSTER OF OFFICERS
As of - 31 July 1945**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
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BATTALION STAFF

Glenneman, James S	Lt Col	0345999	Bn Comdr
Hillett, John C	Maj	0319341	Sx O
Daugherty, Claude W	1st Lt	0101449	S-1
Numphries, Harvey O	1st Lt	0101214	Asst S-1
Hutchings, John M, Jr	1st Lt	0411955	S-2
Weinberg, Milton	Capt	0101200	Asst S-2
Merrill, William M	Capt	0419943	S-3
Beard, John S	Capt	0101473	Asst S-3
Ship, John A	Capt	0394364	S-4
Gilmore, Hugh R	Capt	0101372	Asst S-4
Malleoni, Pasquale J	Capt	0317306	Inf O

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS (HEADQUARTERS)

Clay, Frank B	Capt	034937	DS w/CS/ST Fed
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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Harper, Sealey W	1st Lt	0101255	CO
Sestrov, Wilbur P	2d Lt	0200642	Maint O
Ash, Roger F	1st Lt	0101844	Mortar Pltn
Cordun, Charles F, Jr	1st Lt	0315914	Recon Pltn
Jeaks, James R	2d Lt	0200649	Asslt Com Pltn

"A" COMPANY

McLaughlin, Charles J	Capt	0101371	CO
Schmidt, Raymond M	1st Lt	0101406	Maint O
Livingstone, James B	1st Lt	034737	Pltn Ldr
Attison, William F	2d Lt	0201305	Pltn Ldr

"B" COMPANY

Carey, Justin E	Capt	0101245	CO
Shelton, Fred L	2d Lt	0201507	Maint O
Faye, Thomas W	1st Lt	0101573	Pltn Ldr
Gaffney, Thomas F	2d Lt	0201508	Pltn Ldr

"C" COMPANY

Byron, James R	1st Lt	0101748	CO
Gleason, James M	2d Lt	0200631	Maint O
Linneman, Alfred A, Jr	1st Lt	0101607	Pltn Ldr
Jacobs, Edward L	1st Lt	0101598	Pltn Ldr
Leah, Charles A	2d Lt	0557217	Pltn Ldr

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"B" COMPANY

Cook, John C	Capt	01018872	CO
Dethloff, Louis D	1st Lt	01018628	Maint C
Haber, John H	1st Lt	01018305	Pitm Ldr
Vonnum, William J	1st Lt	01017938	Pitm Ldr
Devine, John J	1st Lt	01018844	Pitm Ldr

SERVICE COMPANY

Conroy, Luther L	1st Lt	01016216	CO
Stueckwald, John E	Capt	01018879	En Maint C
Boyd, William A	Capt	01018601	Asst En Maint C
Byrne, Charles J	WO3E	W2138734	Asst En Supply C
Fratt, Roger F, Jr	1st Lt	01013548	Maint C
Berevick, Ralph V	WO3E	W2138707	Para C

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTIETH AIRBORNE BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

OFFICER ROSTER

During Period 1 - 31 July 1945

NAME	ASN	RANK	FROM	ASST TO
Blumstein, James E	0365990	1st Col	CG A 1st AD	En Hq
Bumbers, Albert J, Jr	01013309	Maj	Hq 12th AD	En Hq (Theater)
Chips, John K	0394344	Capt	Hq 12th AD	En Hq
Deird, John S	01014793	Capt	707th Td Bn	En Hq
Daugherty, Claude W	01014449	1st Lt	707th Td Bn	En Hq
Garson, Charles F, Jr	0335914	1st Lt	707th Td Bn	Hq Co
Garner, Wilbur F	02004409	2d Lt	707th Td Bn	Hq Co
Jeake, James H	02004419	2d Lt	Hq 12th AD	Hq Co
McLaughlin, Charles J	01013371	Capt	Hq 12th AD	"A" Co
Schmidt, Raymond M	01014006	1st Lt	Hq 12th AD	"A" Co
Livingstone, Dixon B	0136757	1st Lt	707th Td Bn	"A" Co
Avilion, William F	02014945	2d Lt	Hq 12th AD	"A" Co
Carey, Justin E	01010445	Capt	707th Td Bn	"B" Co
Fuge, Thomas W	01010573	1st Lt	707th Td Bn	"B" Co
Gaffney, Thomas F	02015018	2d Lt	Hq 12th AD	"B" Co
Shelton, Fred L	02015017	2d Lt	Hq 12th AD	"B" Co
Glenn, James M	02004431	2d Lt	707th Td Bn	"C" Co
Lomb, Charles A	0557217	2d Lt	707th Td Bn	"C" Co
Cook, John G	01010072	Capt	Hq 12th AD	"D" Co
Orthloff, Louis D	01014600	1st Lt	Hq 12th AD	"D" Co
Vennum, William J	01017950	1st Lt	Hq 12th AD	"D" Co
Stearns, John K	01012079	Capt	Hq 12th AD	"E" Co
Fratt, Roger F, Jr	01013540	1st Lt	707th Td Bn	"E" Co
Barovici, Ralph U	02130707	WO3C	6th Inf (Armed) Bn	"E" Co

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 351, U. S. Army

OFFICER LOGS

During Period 1 - 31 July 1945

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASST HELD</u>	<u>TO</u>
Shawano, Elbert J. Jr	01013389	LTJ	Unassg	Hq UNVFP

OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS

During Period 1 - 31 July 1945

None.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTIETH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

CHANGES IN OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS
During Month of July 1943

NAME	ASN	RANK	CHANGE	DATE
Shelton, Fred L.	02015017	2d Lt	Held fr asgt to 7 Co and asgt to 8 Co	8 July
Gilmore, Hugh R.	01013271	Capt	Held as S-4 and asgt Asst S-4	8 July
Hutchings, John M., Jr	0441955	1st Lt	Held as CO A Co	8 July
Jacobs, Edward L., Jr	01015936	1st Lt	Held fr asgt to A Co and asgt to 8 Co	8 July
Devine, John J.	01019064	1st Lt	Held as CO 1 Co	8 July
Boyd, William A.	01012601	Capt	Held as Bn Maint O and Asgt Asst Bn Maint O	8 July
Hutchings, John M., Jr	0441955	1st Lt	Held fr asgt to A Co and asgt to Bn Hq as D-2	11 July
Weinberg, Milton	01012680	Capt	Held as S-2 and asgt Asst S-2	11 July
Elliott, John C.	0319341	Maj	Held fr asgt to Bn Hq and asgt to Bn Hq messgt	15 July
Ulay, Frank B.	020997	Capt	Held fr asgt to Bn Hq and asgt to Bn Hq messgt	21 July
Elliott, John C.	0319341	Maj	Held fr Bn Hq messgt and asgt to Bn Hq as EO	21 July
Williams, Pasquale J.	0317306	Capt	Held as Asst S-3 for A/R and Comm O	30 July
Aylard, Carl W.	02056090	Capt	Held as CO 2 Co	30 July

*Exclusive of duty changes within Companies.

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTYFOURTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ARMY**

**Battle Casualty Report
For Period 1 - 31 July 1945**

**No battle casualties were incurred by this unit during the period
1 - 31 July 1945.**

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HEADQUARTERS THE NINETEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ArmyDECORATIONS AND AWARDS

Listed below are the decorations and awards received by members of this organization for the period 1 July through 31 July 1945:

SILVER STAR

1st Lt Isaac R Hitchcock 01010002 CO #52, Hq 1st AD ss (Co A)

BROOKLYN STAR MEDAL

1st Lt	John M Hutchings	0641955	CO #57, Hq 1st AD ss (Co A)
1st Sgt	Herman U McDwin	6857387	CO #57, Hq 1st AD ss (Co D)
Tec 5	Sam Shapiro	32008252	CO #57, Hq 1st AD ss (Sv Co)
1st Lt	Douglas F Olesby	01017310	CO #57, Hq 1st AD ss (Co B)
T Sgt	Chester L Senger	35158441	CO #57, Hq 1st AD ss (Sv Co)
S Sgt	Thomas V McBride	6783147	CO #57, Hq 1st AD ss (Sv Co)
Maj	John O Millett	0319141	CO #57, Hq 1st AD ss (Bn Hq)
Capt	Hugh R Gilmore	01013271	CO #57, Hq 1st AD ss (Bn Hq)

PURPLE HEART

1st Lt John M Haber 01012323 CO #56, Hq 1st AD ss (Co D)

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Initials :
Date : 8 Sept 1945

**HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ARMY**

8 Sept 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Activities.

TO : Adjutant General, 1st Armored Division

June 45

1. Report called for in Paragraph 4, Headquarters 1st AB, AS-516.7, subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, dated 8 November, 1945 and Section 11, Bulletin # 4, dated 30 November 1945 and section # 1, Bulletin # 4, 11 January 1944 is hereby submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

**CLAUDE W DAUGHERTY
1st Lt, 15th TK Bn,
Adjutant**

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTIETH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ARMY

MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
(1 Aug. - 31 Aug. 1948)

The 1st of August 1948 found battalion headquarters located in OBERORN, THEIN Germany (A-675541). The companies were billeted in the towns surrounding OBERORN and were carrying on security guard duties. Men while not on guard duty, were training under condition outlined in the eight week training directive published by Combat Command "A", 1st AD.

On 3 Aug the battalion was alerted for move to DAMSTADT area. The days from 3 Aug to 11 Aug, were spent in preparation for the move. At 1000H, 10 Aug, the 664th TD Bn relieved us of targets in our area.

Our advanced party left OBERORN at 1030H, 10 Aug, to meet the KI 6 CG/A at baseball field in Hall at 1100H.

The battalion left OBERORN and began march to HEDERWALLUP (M-305 897) at 0450H, 11 Aug. Battalion closed KREHAUSEN (M-660810) at 1006H 11 Aug, and bivouacked there for the night.

The battalion left HEDERWALLUP at 0804H, 12 Aug.
Bn Bn & Bn Co closed Hederwallup (M-305897) at 0840H, 12 Aug.

A/13 closed JOHANNISBERG (M-170630) at 1000H.

B/13 closed OUTHION (M-668318) at 1040H.

C/13 closed RUDENBERG (M-154856) at 1100H.

D/13 closed LOSCH (M-660696) at 1130H.

B/12 closed GEIGENHEIM (M-665658) at 1200H.

The March was uneventful with the exception of several tanks becoming marsh casualties.

The battalion relieved the 6th TK Bn on 8 targets in new sector by 1000H 13 Aug. During balance of month 2 targets were added to battalion control.

From 14 Aug to 18 Aug, the battalion carried on normal security guard duties. On 19 Aug, we provided a special guard for General Mc Harney, for tent party to Koblenz. The remainder of month the battalion carried on security guard details.

On 29 Aug, Brigadier General Daniels (Commanding General, 1st AD) visited the CP and made an inspection of the battalion area. The 30 and 31 Aug, found the battalion carrying out its mission of Occupation in an orderly manner.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Claude W. Daugherty
CLAUDE W. DAUGHERTY
1st Lt., 19th TK Bn
Adjutant.

SECTION - II - OPERATIONS

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**THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
1 Aug 1945 thru 31 Aug 1945
HEIDENWALLUF, GERMANY
(H-30389)**

:SECRET:
: By Auth: GO 15th Tn Bn :
:Initials:
:Date : 1 AUGUST 1945:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
DATE 1 Aug 1945	(GERBSCHEIN, Germany, A-301831)		
1800	Col. Dewey, GO O/G"A", visited the CP to discuss eight (8) week training program.		2-3/15
DATE 2 Aug 1945	No Entry		
DATE 3 Aug 1945			
1808	Unit alerted for move to DARNSTADT area. Billeting details to meet Maj. Cooper on 10 minute notice - place to be announced later. At least one officer from each unit, down to and including Companies, will report.	2-3/CG/A	2-3/15
1810	Bn billeting officer to meet Maj. Cooper at 1830 at base ball field in HALL.	2-3/CG/A	2-3/15
1840	Will you need additional transportation to move? If so, how much?	2-3/CG/A	2-3/15
1800	Ref above: None needed.	2-3/15	2-3/CG/A
DATE 4 Aug 1945			
0850	Following information by 1800B today: 1. Where on GRALLHEIM + HALL road, will IF for your Battalion be? 2. Routes of Companies to that IF.	2-3/CG/A	2-3/15
1840	Move postponed until 18th, 19th, or 14th. Continue with previous plans.	2-3/CG/A	2-3/15
DATE 5 Aug 1945	No Entry		
DATE 6 Aug 1945			
0920	Move to DARNSTADT will be on the 9 Aug.	Col. Dewey Lt. Col. GO CG/A Zimmerman	GO 15th
0930	Same as above.	2-3/15	All Cos. 15th

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
DATE 6 Aug 1945 (continued)			
1010	684 TD Bn will relieve your Bn on Wed 8 Aug 45.	S-3/CC/A	S-3/15
1945	Meeting of all unit Commanders in lecture room near Div CP at 1500 today.	A-3/CC/A	S-3/15
DATE 7 Aug 1945			
1720	The move is postponed until Sat, 11 Aug 45.	S-3/CC/A	S-3/15
DATE 8 Aug 1945	No Entry		
DATE 9 Aug 1945			
1215	Advance detail will not meet at 0500 in Hall-party but will be held in alert in our area, to be ready to meet on 1 hour. Will notify time and place of meeting.	S-3/CC/A	S-3/15
1622	Uniform for ADVANCE party: CO's, overcoat and tank boots.	S-3/CC/A	S-3/15
DATE 10 Aug 1945			
0920	Advance party meet at the baseball diamond at 1100H in HALL, report to Lt. Col McCabe.	S-3/CC/A	S-3/15
0930	Advance party meet at Bn IP at 1630H, Report to Lt. Converse.	S-3/15	All Cos.
0940	Rd guides for move will not be needed.	S-3/CC/A	S-3/15
1010	19th will have Land Eries as planned in new area. CO/A will also have to guard Linberg Eries border between French and Americans. 10th Div will occupy Linberg Eries, however. We may also have to take Weiskaden and Frankfort guards.	S-3/CC/A	S-3/15
1015	Relief of posts HQ, 10, 12, 19 and 20 by the 684 TD Bn completed at 1800H.	S-3/15	S-3/15
DATE 11 Aug 1945			
0610	Left Chersenstein at 0450H, crossed Bn IP at 0610.	S-3/15	
0650	Crossed Division IP at 0650H.	S-3/15	
1605	Bn. closed in bivouac area at Ershausen (M-640610) at 1605	S-3/15	
DATE 12 Aug 1945			
0615	Crossed Bn IP at 0504H.	S-3/15	
0645	Hq & Hq Co. closed WEIDENHALLER (M-303897) at 0645H.	S-3/15	
2045	"A" Co. closed JOHANNISBURG (M-170560) at 1030H.	S/15	S-3/15

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
DATE 12 Aug 1948	PLACE Weidewalker Str. (Continued)		
1045	"B" Co closed OSTRICH (M-28826) at 1040Z.	B / 15	-2/15
1145	"C" Co closed BUNDSHEIM (M-28826) at 1100Z.	C / 15	-2/15
1145	"D" Co closed LORNE (M-08000) at 1130Z.	D / 15	-2/15
1200	"E" Co closed OST-SHEIN (M-28826) at 1230Z.	E / 15	-2/15
DATE 13 Aug 1948			
PLACE MELCHERALLEY (M-303897)			
1145	Send two (2) M-30 trucks to Marlborough Co. 7th Army Transit Co. Report to Lt. Gaffney, to return 4 OTF and 40 KM to 1st ID at Larnstadt.	A / CC/A	-2/15
1800	Target # 16 M-28826, factory requires 21 men (may be able to set this down) relief to be completed by 1000Z tonight to relieve 4th Yk Bn.	A / CC/A	-2/15
1815	Target # 16 assigned to Co A.	-2/15	A / 15
1815	Relief on Target # 16 completed 1800Z. Target is chemical factory. Five 3-man posts. Lt. Livingstone is spending the night there.	A / 15	-2/15
DATE 14 Aug 1948			
1400	Target # 45 Via JOHNEIMSTEIN - guarding 51 PWs being used as laborers by FSB Harbor Craft Co., Det A. Men will eat and live with the Harbor Craft Co. There are two 1-man posts. Men will report to Lt. Hanson, above Co, who will have copy of Special Orders for Target.	Lt Hanson 5800 Harbor Craft Co	-2/15
1410	Target # 45 assigned to Hq Co.	-2/15	Hq / 15
1425	One train of 2800 PWs searched at 1330Z 13 Aug 48, one at 2120 with 2100 PWs, and one at 0710 14 Aug 48 with 2800 PWs. Nothing to report.	C / 15	-2/15
1600	Relief of new Tgt completed at 1530Z.	Hq / 15	-2/15
2215	15 Aug 1948		
0825	Target # 16 out to four post guard. Now 27 men manning it.	A / 15	-2/15
0835	MV requests list of non-MV units in area by 1200Z 16th Aug. List to include unit designation, Co, next higher unit, strength, and location.	-2/15	-2/15
1815	One train searched at 1530Z 1999 PWs.	C / 15	-2/15

TIMEMESSAGEFROMTO

DATE 16 Aug 1945

No Entry

DATE 17 Aug 1945

1708 Unit Commanders meeting tomorrow at 0900H at G/O"A".
 You will be called upon to furnish from 1800H to 1800H
 and from 1900H to 2200H approximately 100 men for a special
 guard detail on Sun, Aug 19. Take what ever steps necessary
 to insure that these men have wool CO uniforms w/ Eisenhower
 jackets, cleaned and pressed for this detail. 3-5/CG/A 2-3/15

1830 Unit Commanders meeting at G/O"A" changed to 1100H tomorrow. 2-5/CG/A 2-3/15

8115 German car stolen by GIs. Make of car "Benderer". Gray-Green W/C
 7 passenger ocean. Tag # IR-96789. Call all Companies. Madrasain 2-3/15

DATE 18 Aug 1945

No Entry

DATE 19 Aug 1945

1800 General Eisenhower and party passed thru Ra area and boarded
 yacht at Lorch. 2-3/15

DATE 20 Aug 1945

1820 At 0610H a PW train with 2600 PWs turned over to French. 0/15 2-3/15

21 Aug 1945

0000 At 0630H a PW train with 2508 PWs turned over to French. 0/15 2-3/15

1850 Medical dump in Schierstein to be taken over by 47th Med Bn
 your Bn will furnish guard - Messen to be made in morning. 2-3/CG/A 2-3/15

DATE 22 Aug 1945

1000 At 0630H a PW train with 2508 PWs turned over to French. 0/15 2-3/15

DATE 23 Aug 1945

1850 Two trains turned over to French, one at 0130H with 2498
 PWs and one at 0530H with 2600 PWs. 0/15 2-3/15

1415 Unnumbered Tgt (Med Depot) requires 1 post in day and 3 posts Hq/15
 at night 2-3/15

DATE 24 Aug 1945

1000 One train of 2145 PWs turned over to French at 2400H. 0/15 2-3/15

<u>TIME</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
DATE 25 August 1945			
1340	Engineers removing penton bridge at Bingen and we are removing guards and establishing a 2 man post at the railroad station to check credentials of people getting on and off trains.	G/13	Lt Col Simmerman
2115			
DATE 26 August 1945	No Entry		
DATE 27 August 1945			
1500	Target # 5 is to be changed to # 50, due to numerical classification. Med. Depot target is to be # 49.	S-3/00/A	S-3/13
DATE 28 August 1945			
1045	Send German heating engineer to 00/A when finished checking all units in your area.	Lt Col Mc Cabe S-3/00/A	S-3/13
DATE 29 August 1945			
1320	Brigadier General Daniels, CO. 1st AD, visited CP and inspected the battalion area. Nothing to report.		S-3/13

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TIMEMESSAGEFROMTO

DATE 25 August 1945

1340 Engineers removing pontoon bridge at Bingen and we are removing C/13
ing guards and establishing a 2 man post at the railroad station
to check credentials of people getting on and off trains. Lt Col
Simmerman

2115

DATE 25 August 1945

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DATE 27 August 1945

1600 Target # 5 is to be changed to # 50, due to numerical class. S-3/CC/A S-3/13
fiction. Ed. Depot target is to be #49.

DATE 28 August 1945

1045 Send German heating engineer to CC/A when finished check- Lt Col S-3/13
ing all units in your area. No Cabs
Ex 6/CC/A

DATE 29 August 1945

1320 Brigadier General Daniels, CG, 1st AD, visited CP and S-3/13
inspected the battalion area. Nothing to report.

DATE 30 August 1945

No Entry

DATE 31 August 1945

No Entry

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SECTION - III - OFFICER PERSONNEL

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION

APO 251, U. S. Army

ROSTER OF OFFICERS
As of - 31 August 1945

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
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BATTALION STAFF

McConnell, James E.	Lt Col	0365990	As Comdr
Sweeney, Robert L.	Major	024494	Ex C
Daugherty, Claude W.	1st Lt	01014449	S-1
Hutchings, John M. Jr	1st Lt	0441955	S-2
McNeill, William M.	Capt	0419969	S-3
Shipe, John E.	Capt	0394344	S-4
Page, Thomas W.	1st Lt	01018573	As O

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS (UNASSIGNED)

Gray, Frank B.	Capt	028937	As w/Asst Com
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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Carlson, Charles F. Jr.	1st Lt	0335914	CO
Shaw, Wilbur F.	2d Lt	02006629	Maint O
Ash, Roger F.	1st Lt	01018846	Mortar Pltn
Jones, James S.	2d Lt	02006419	Asst Gun Pltn

A COMPANY

McLaughlin, Charles J.	Capt	01013374	CO
Schmidt, Raymond H.	1st Lt	01016006	Pltn Ldr
Livingstone, Elmer E.	1st Lt	0336757	Pltn Ldr
Atkinson, William F.	1st Lt	02016585	Pltn Ldr

B COMPANY

Carry, Justin E.	Capt	01012485	CO
Shelton, Fred L.	2d Lt	02015017	Pltn Ldr
Gaffney, Thomas F.	2d Lt	02015018	Pltn Ldr

C COMPANY

Jacobs, Edward L. Jr.	1st Lt	01015996	CO
Lamb, Charles A.	2d Lt	0357217	Pltn Ldr

D COMPANY

Bovine, John J.	1st Lt	01018064	CO
Wanna, William J.	1st Lt	01017938	Pltn Ldr

ENGINEER COMPANY

Fratt, Roger F. Jr.	1st Lt	01013568	CO
Bethloff, Louis I.	1st Lt	01014628	As Maint O
Byrne, Charles J.	WO2E	W2130734	Asst S-4
Berevick, Ralph W.	WO2E	W2130787	Pass O

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MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Blase, Michael A.

Capt 0469449 Lt Surgeon

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ARMY

OFFICER SALES

During Period 1 - 31 August 1945

NAME	ASN	RANK	FROM	ASSG TO
Stasney, Robert L.	026494	Major	Hq & Hq Co-1st Armd Div Trains	En-Hq
Klase, Michael A.	0469449	Capt	47th Armd Med Bn	En Med Det

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ARMY**

**OFFICER PROMOTION
During Period 1 - 31 August 1945**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASST FIELD</u>	<u>TO</u>
Elliott, John G.	0319341	Major	Br C	14th Signal Depot
Koughric, Harvey G.	01012414	1st Lt	S-1	7th Arm Div
Weinberg, Milton	01012400	Capt	S-2	14th Signal Depot
Smith, John B.	01014793	Capt	Comm C	10th Tank Bn
Gilmore, Hugh E.	01013271	Capt	S-4	14th Signal Depot
Malleoni, Pasquale J.	0317306	Capt	I & E	54th Tank Bn
Harpes, Wesley W.	01012655	1st Lt	CS Hq Co	7th Arm Div
Shuen, James E.	01012348	1st Lt	CS C Co.	7th Arm Div
Lisenshaw, Alfred A. Jr.	01016007	1st Lt	Maint C Co C	7th Arm Div
Gleason, James M.	02006631	2d Lt	Maint C Co C	10th Tank Bn
Coak, John G.	01010872	Capt	CS B Co	10th Tank Bn
Conover, Luther L.	01014214	1st Lt	CS Services Co	7th Arm Div
Stuenwald, John E.	01012279	Capt	Bn Maint C	HEAD Hqs
Boyd, William A.	01012601	Capt	Bn Maint C	14th Signal Depot

**OFFICER PROMOTION
During Period 1 - 31 August 1945**

None

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army

CHANGES IN OFFICER ASSIGNMENT
During Month of August 1945

NAME	ASN	RANK	CHANGE	DATE
Bethleff, Louis I.	0101488	1st Lt	Rel'd fr asst to B Co and asst to Bv Co as En Maint O	4 August
Stumwald, John E.	0101879	Capt	Rel'd as En Maint O	4 August
Jacobs, Edward L. Jr.	01015936	1st Lt	Asstd CO Co B	9 August
Wolton, Charles F. Jr.	0335914	1st Lt	Asstd CO Bq Co	9 August
Frett, Roger F. Jr	01013568	1st Lt	Asstd CO Service Co	14 August
Devine, John J.	01018864	1st Lt	Asstd CO Co B	27 August

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. Army**

DEGRESSIONS AND AWARDS

Listed below are the decorations and awards received by members of this organization for the period 1 August through 31 August 1945.

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1ST LT Luther L. Converse 61016216 GO #62, Hq 1st AB co (Sv Co)

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Capt William A. Boyd 01012601 GO #62, Hqs 1st AB co (Sv Co)
1st Lt Wesley W. Harper 01012635 GO #62, Hqs 1st AB co (Hq Co)
1st Lt Robert J. Lee 01176706 GO #62, Hqs 1st AB co (Hq Co)

PHOENIX HEART

Sgt Philip Pedal 33330981 GO #65, Hqs 1st AB co (Hq Co)

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SECTION - IV - CASUALTIES

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 251, U. S. ARMY

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT
For Period 1 - 31 August 1945

No battle casualties were incurred by this unit during the period 1 - 31 August 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH ARMORED REGIMENT
OFFICE OF THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER

COPY NO. 20

In the Field
8 June 1943

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SUBJECT: Lessons Learned In Tunisian Campaign.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armored Division.

1. Concentration and Coordination of Effort. To restate these principles in detail is needless; it is intended, however, to suggest the method of application. If, in the nonconcentrated fighting that lies ahead in Europe, an Armored Division is successful in effecting one penetration, or of winning one defensive victory, it shall have made an entirely sufficient accomplishment. Much thought should therefore be given to the concentration and coordination necessary to affect this.

a. Tank- (or combined tank and infantry) attacks should be made with the forces aligned in great depth, for the specific purpose of permitting rear echelons to pass through the leading ones to take advantage of their success and to carry the blow forward. The habit of attacking all along the front should be avoided; there is no necessity, normally, of permitting every enemy soldier to fire his weapon at us when his position can be made untenable by an attack on a narrow front. The principal advantage that accrues to the attacker is the privilege of concentration to afford overwhelming local superiority. However, the tank battalion forming the leading echelon should be privileged to attack on a front as wide as it desires, to bring maximum weight to bear on the local position.

b. Tanks should be assigned a specific job, to be accomplished by all available tanks. To attach tanks in small groups to infantry, to help the infantry take a number of objectives simultaneously, is very expensive and essentially futile. Such use should be avoided like the plague.

c. The concentration of artillery fire is a prerequisite of success. If a battalion of tanks forms the leading element of an attack, no less than three full battalions of artillery should support that attack, with a normal disposition of one battalion assigned to smoke an adjacent area to nullify enemy flanking fire, and two battalions assigned to place a heavy concentration of HE on the objective itself. Our tanks can run very close behind the artillery fire -- hits are improbable, and the damage of a hit will be less than the enemy AT gun will inflict if the enemy is permitted to man the gun through the absence of our fire. Preparatory fire should be airbursts, dropping to ground burst as our tanks jump off.

d. Close support weapons should be mustered in quantity to supplement the artillery. Assault guns and mortars search out small ravines and reverse slopes. Overwatching TD's (or tanks) should always be available to be placed, gun by gun, on actual or suspected AT gun positions; each of our guns should adjust on a single target, and never leave that target (although fire may be lifted after adjustment) until our attacking tanks have overrun the position. This is vital support.

e. Surprise: In addition to camouflage, surprise may be gained by feints (usually a good practice) but primarily by careful choice of con-

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centration areas and excellent timing. Thus a tank concentration preparatory to an attack should be far enough to the rear to threaten three or four points on the enemy front. When the thrust point is determined, the tank commanders must be permitted to make detailed reconnaissance and detailed plans; the actual attack movement should be started from the rear concentration point, and must proceed like a drill, with the minimum necessary pause to form up behind the line of departure. This will require drill, and lots of it.

f. Timing must be studied, for each projected attack, to effect coordination of the artillery fires, close support fires, infantry movement, and tanks movement and jump off. Admittedly a day goes quickly, but the final adjustments (particularly of artillery) must be made in good daylight, and the tanks must have good visibility in order to permit coordination and to see the enemy AT gun. We must provide an artificial bad visibility for the enemy by the proper placing of smoke.

g. The support by air is almost an essential to the taking of a difficult objective. A TM published by the Division in Ireland suggests the methods by which it may be accomplished; its principles, in our opinion, still hold. It does, however, call for effective close support, which has never been forthcoming in spite of the efforts made to obtain it. Under the circumstances, it may be as much as we can hope for to get a preliminary bombing of the successive enemy positions on a time schedule, which schedule will assure that the bombing is accomplished on each target before our tanks can possibly get there. There will be a long interval of time between bombing and attack, but close coordination appears to be out of the question.

h. Tank commanders, to include the regimental, must be in tanks and well up in the battle, except in exceptional circumstances. The combat commander should, in our belief, direct the battle from a tank or an GP from which he can personally watch the progress of the attack and the effect of our fire and the enemy's.

1. The anti-aircraft defenses of the armored regiment are not regarded as adequate. While the tanks when deployed do not offer a particularly remunerative target most command vehicles are very vulnerable to attack from the air. There should be attached to each regiment, sufficient anti-aircraft elements for the protection of the headquarters and service units and for the defense of the tanks when they are assembled or forced to take positions or move in formations that make them likely to receive attention from the enemy air.

2. The basic purpose of close order drill of course is to teach discipline and to provide for an automatic response to certain orders which may be issued during the excitement and confusion of battle. There is probably no organization in modern warfare more susceptible to confusion and disorder because of improper and inadequate training or a breakdown in communications than a tank regiment. In an armored unit you have all of the elements that go to complicate control such as reduced visibility, dispersion, and noise. Drill is therefore more important for tank units than it is for the infantry. Any simple means for supplementing radio communication should be used. Flag signals have been adopted by British tank units which have had by far more experience in the use of that arm than we have in order to supplement their communications. It is believed that such action is sound and should be adopted by our forces. A practical system of tank marking and flag signals is now being practiced by this regiment.

3. The proper establishment of an outpost, and the proper set-up and conduct of an OP, must be subject of instruction. Many units of the Division are amateurish in those matters.

4. Good reconnaissance practice is a matter for careful study. Three points were illustrated in battle as being particularly true: (1) An OP can sometimes be established, by stealth, practically within the enemy lines. This was of course more applicable in the wide terrain of Tunisia. (2) Reconnaissance patrols must invariably be told about where enemy may be encountered. Failure to do this will result in over-caution, with consequent slow progress, or, in the opposite case, needless loss. The commander seldom understands how little his subordinate commanders know of the big picture. (3) Reconnaissance must retain a reserve, frequently a large one. It is a tiresome job, and it almost invariably occurs that the commander will need to have unanticipated reconnaissance missions performed.

5. The AT mine is the biggest problem still unlicked. Various solutions have been propounded -- none of which are quite satisfactory. ~~A real solution would speed the end of the war by six months, for it would double the use of the tank as an effective weapon.~~

6. a. Communication channels must be improved by prohibiting transmittal of long coded administrative orders over command channels. In Ouseeltia Valley, although there were three channels of radio communication between CC "B" and II Corps, it was impossible to keep II Corps informed of the situation because II Corps used all three channels to transmit the same message which often turned out to be an administrative message when decoded. In several instances CC "B" got 24 or more hours behind in trying to clear tactical messages through to II Corps because of this abuse.

b. Radio security must be improved. Frequently radio security is violated by higher commanders.

c. Radio crystals in FM sets must be changed within the Division so that the Bn and its company frequencies do not overlap.

/s/ HAMILTON H. HOWZE,
HAMILTON H. HOWZE,
Lt. Col., Cavalry,
Commanding.

REPRODUCED BY G-3 SECTION, HEADQUARTERS 1ST ARMORED DIVISION, 30 JUNE, 1943.